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THE PUBLISHER TO THE READER.

THE Author of these Travels, Mr. *Lemuel Gulliver*, is my ancient Friend; there is likewise some Relation between us by the Mother's Side. About three Years ago, Mr. *Gulliver*, growing weary of the Concourse of curious People coming to him at his House, near *Redriff*, made a small Purchase of Land, with a convenient House, near *Newark* in *Nottinghamshire*, his native Country; where he now lives retired, yet in good Esteem among his Neighbours.

ALTHOUGH Mr. *Gulliver* was born in *Nottinghamſhire*, where his Father dwelt, yet I have heard him ſay his Family came from *Oxfordſhire*; to confirm which, I have obſerved in the Church-yard at *Banbury*, in that County, ſeveral Tombs and Monuments of the *Gullivers*.

BEFORE he quitted *Redriff*, he left the Cuſtody of the following Papers in my Hands, with the Liberty to diſpoſe of them as I ſhould think fit. I have carefully peruſed them three Times: The Style is very plain and ſimple; and the only Fault I find is, that the Author, after the Manner of Travellers, is a little circumſtantial. There is an Air of Truth apparent through the Whole; and, indeed, the Author, was ſo diſtinguiſhed for his Veracity, that it became a Sort of Proverb among his Neighbours at *Redriff*, when

when any one affirmed a Thing, to ſay, It was as true as if Mr. *Gulliver* had ſpoke it.

By the Advice of ſeveral worthy Perſons, to whom, with the Author's Permiſſion, I communicated theſe Papers, I now venture to ſend them into the World, hoping they may be, at leaſt for ſome Time, a better Entertainment to our young Noblemen, than the common Scriblers of Politicks and Party.

This Volume would have been at leaſt twice as large, if I had not made bold to ſtrike out innumerable Paſſages relating to the Winds and Tides, as well as to the Variations and Bearings in the ſeveral Voyages; together with the minute Deſcriptions of the Management of the Ship in Storms, in the Style of Sailors: Likewiſe the Account of the Longitudes and Latitudes; wherein I have

I have Reaſon to apprehend that Mr. *Gulliver* may be a little diſſatiſfied: But I was reſolved to fit the Work as much as poſſible to the general Capacity of Readers. However, if my own Ignorance in Sea-Affairs ſhall have led me to commit ſome Miſtakes, I alone am anſwerable for them: And if any Traveller hath a Curioſity to ſee the whole Work at large, as it came from the Hand of the Author, I ſhall be ready to gratify him.

As for any farther Particulars relating to the Author, the Reader will receive Satisfaction from the firſt Pages of the Book.

RICHARD SYMPSON.

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MY Father had a ſmall Eſtate in *Nottinghamſhire*; I was the third of five Sons. He ſent me to *Emanuel* College, in *Cam-*

These Voyages are intended as a moral political Romance —— to correct Vice by ſhewing its Deformity in Oppoſition to the Beauty of Virtue, and to amend the falſe Syſtems of Philoſophy by pointing out the Errors, and applying ſalutary Means to avoid them. ORRERY.

bridge, at fourteen Years old, where I reſided three Years, and applied myſelf cloſe to my Studies; but the Charge of maintaining me (although I had a very ſcanty Allowance) being too great for a narrow Fortune, I was bound Apprentice to Mr. *James Bates*, an eminent Surgeon in *London*, with whom I continued four Years; and my Father now and then ſending me ſmall Sums of Money, I laid them out in learning Navigation, and other Parts of the Mathematicks, uſeful to thoſe who intend to travel, as I always believed it would be ſome Time or other my Fortune to do. When I left Mr. *Bates*, I went down to my Father; where, by the Aſſiſtance of him and my Uncle *John*, and ſome other Relations, I got forty Pounds, and a Promiſe of thirty Pounds a Year to maintain me at *Leyden*: There I ſtudied Phyſick two Years and ſeven Months, knowing it would be uſeful in long Voyages.

SOON after my Return from *Leyden*, I was recommended by my good Maſter Mr. *Bates*, to be Surgeon to the *Swallow*, Captain *Abraham Pannell*, Com-

Commander; with whom I continued three Years and a Half, making a Voyage or two into the *Levant*, and ſome other Parts. When I came back, I reſolved to ſettle in *London*, to which Mr. *Bates*, my Maſter, encouraged me, and by him I was recommended to ſeveral Patients. I took Part of a ſmall Houſe in the *Old-Jury*; and being adviſed to alter my Condition, I married Mrs. *Mary Burton*, ſecond Daughter to Mr. *Edmond Burton*, Hoſier, in *Newgate-Street*, with whom I received four hundred Pounds for a Portion.

But, my good Maſter *Bates* dying in two Years after, and I having few Friends, my Buſineſs began to fail, for my Conſcience would not ſuffer me to imitate the bad Practice of too many among my Brethren. Having therefore conſulted with my Wife, and ſome of my Acquaintance, I determined to go again to Sea. I was Surgeon ſucceſſively in two Ships, and made ſeveral Voyages for ſix Years, to the *Eaſt* and *Weſt Indies*, by which I got ſome Addition to my Fortune. My Hours of Leiſure I ſpent in reading the beſt

Authors, ancient and modern, being always provided with a good Number of Books; and when I was aſhore, in obſerving the Manners and Diſpoſitions of the People, as well as learning their Language, wherein I had a great Facility by the Strength of my Memory.

THE laſt of theſe Voyages not proving very fortunate, I grew weary of the Sea, and intended to ſtay at Home with my Wife and Family. I removed from the *Old-Jury* to *Fetter-Lane*, and from thence to *Wapping*, hoping to get Buſineſs among the Sailors; but it would not turn to Account. After three Years Expectation that Things would mend, I accepted an advantageous Offer from Captain *William Prichard*, Maſter of the *Antelope*, who was making a Voyage to the *South-Sea*. We ſet ſail from *Briſtol*, *May* 4th, 1699, and our Voyage at firſt was very proſperous.

IT would not be proper, for ſome Reaſons, to trouble the Reader with the Particulars of our Adventures in thoſe Seas. Let it ſuffice to inform him,

him, that in our Paſſage from thence to the *Eaſt-Indies*, we were driven by a violent Storm to the Northweſt of *Van Diemen*'s Land. By an Obſervation, we found ourſelves in the Latitude of 30 Degrees 2 Minutes South. Twelve of our Crew were dead by immoderate Labour and ill Food, the reſt were in a very weak Condition. On the fifth of *November*, which was the Beginning of Summer in thoſe Parts, the Weather being very hazy, the Seamen ſpied a Rock, within half a Cable's Length of the Ship; but the Wind was ſo ſtrong, that we were driven directly upon it, and immediately ſplit. Six of the Crew, of whom I was one, having let down the Boat into the Sea, made a Shift to get clear of the Ship, and the Rock. We rowed, by my Computation, about three Leagues, till we were able to work no longer, being already ſpent with Labour while we were in the Ship. We therefore truſted ourſelves to the Mercy of the Waves, and in about half an Hour the Boat was overſet by a ſudden Flurry from the North. What became of my Compa-

nions in the Boat, as well as of thoſe who eſcaped on the Rock, or were left in the Veſſel, I cannot tell; but conclude they were all loſt. For my own Part, I ſwam as Fortune directed me, and was puſhed forward by Wind and Tide. I often let my Legs drop, and could feel no Bottom. But when I was almoſt gone, and able to ſtruggle no longer, I found myſelf within my Depth; and by this Time the Storm was much abated. The Declivity was ſo ſmall, that I walked near a Mile before I got to the Shore, which I conjectured was about eight o'Clock in the Evening. I then advanced forward near half a Mile, but could not diſcover any Sign of Houſes or Inhabitants; at leaſt I was in ſo weak a Condition that I did not obſerve them. I was extremely tired, and with that, and the Heat of the Weather, and about half a Pint of Brandy that I drank as I left the Ship, I found myſelf much inclined to ſleep. I lay down on the Graſs, which was very ſhort and ſoft, where I ſlept ſounder than ever I remember to have done in my Life, and, as I reckoned,

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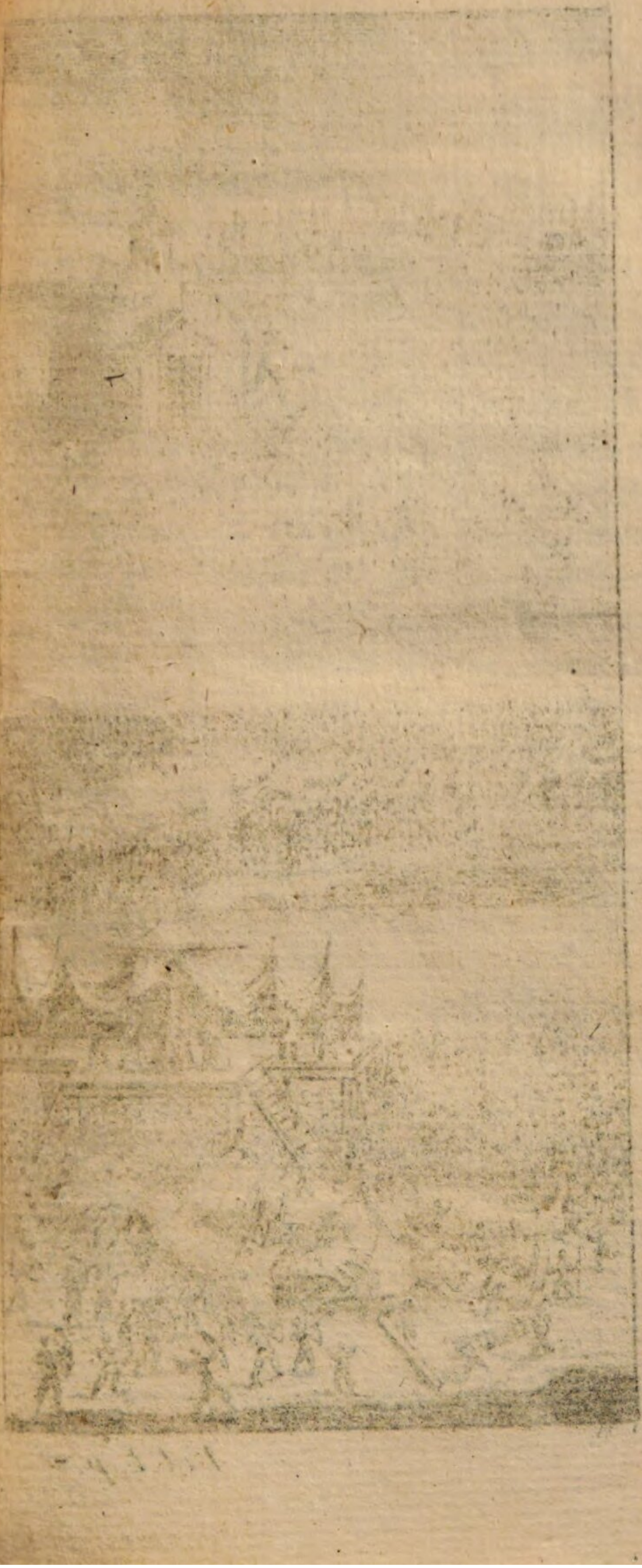

about nine Hours; for when I awaked, it was juſt Day-light. I attempted to riſe, but was not able to ſtir: For as I happened to lie on my Back, I found my Arms and Legs were ſtrongly faſtened on each Side to the Ground; and my Hair, which was long and thick, tied down in the ſame Manner. I likewiſe felt ſeveral ſlender Ligatures acroſs my Body, from my Arm-pits to my Thighs. I could only look upwards; the Sun began to grow hot, and the Light offended my Eyes. I heard a confuſed Noiſe about me, but in the Poſture I lay, could ſee nothing except the Sky. In a little Time I felt ſomething alive moving on my left Leg, which advancing gently forward over my Breaſt, came almoſt up to my Chin; when bending my Eyes downwards as much as I could, I perceived it to be a human Creature not ſix Inches high, with a Bow and Arrow in his Hands, and a Quiver at his Back. In the mean Time, I felt at leaſt forty more of the ſame Kind (as I conjectured) following the firſt. I was in the utmoſt Aſtoniſhment, and roared ſo loud, that they

all ran back in a Fright; and ſome of them, as I was afterwards told, were hurt with the Falls they got by leaping from my Sides upon the Ground. However, they ſoon returned, and one of them, who ventured ſo far as to get a full Sight of my Face, lifting up his Hands and Eyes by Way of Admiration, cried out in a ſhrill, but diſtinct Voice, *Hekinak Degul*: The others repeated the ſame Words ſeveral Times, but I then knew not what they meant. I lay all this While, as the Reader may believe, in great Uneaſineſs; at length, ſtruggling to get looſe, I had the Fortune to break the Strings, and wrench out the Pegs that faſtened my left Arm to the Ground; for by lifting it up to my Face, I diſcovered the Methods they had taken to bind me, and, at the ſame Time, with a violent Pull, which gave me exceſſive Pain, I a little looſened the Strings that tied down my Hair on the left Side, ſo that I was juſt able to turn my Head about two Inches. But the Creatures ran off a ſecond Time, before I could ſeize them; whereupon there was a great Shout in a very ſhrill

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Accent, and after it ceaſed, I heard one of them cry aloud, *Tolgo Phonac*; when in an Inſtant I felt above an hundred Arrows diſcharged on my left Hand, which pricked me like ſo many Needles; and beſides, they ſhot another Flight into the Air, as we do Bombs in *Europe*, whereof many, I ſuppoſe, fell on my Body (though I felt them not) and ſome on my Face, which I immediately covered with my left Hand. When this Shower of Arrows was over, I fell a groaning with Grief and Pain, and then ſtriving again to get looſe, they diſcharged another Volley larger than the firſt, and ſome of them attempted with Spears to ſtick me in the Sides; but, by good Luck, I had on me a Buff-Jerkin, which they could not pierce. I thought it the moſt prudent Method to lie ſtill, and my Deſign was to continue ſo till Night, when my left Hand being already looſe, I could eaſily free myſelf: And as for the Inhabitants, I had Reaſon to believe I might be a Match for the greateſt Army they could bring againſt me, if they were all of the ſame Size with him that I ſaw.

But Fortune diſpoſed otherwiſe of me. When the People obſerved I was quiet, they diſcharged no more Arrows: But, by the Noiſe I heard, I knew their Numbers increaſed; and about four Yards from me, over-againſt my right Ear, I heard a Knocking for above an Hour, like that of People at Work; when turning my Head that Way as well as the Pegs and Strings would permit me, I ſaw a Stage erected, about a Foot and a Half from the Ground, capable of holding four of the Inhabitants, with two or three Ladders to mount it: From whence one of them, who ſeemed to be a Perſon of Quality, made me a long Speech, whereof I underſtood not one Syllable. But I ſhould have mentioned, that before the principal Perſon began his Oration, he cried out three Times, *Langro Dehul ſan*: (theſe Words and the former were afterwards repeated and explained to me.) Whereupon immediately about fifty of the Inhabitants came and cut the Strings that faſtened the left Side of my Head, which gave me the Liberty of turning it to the right, and of obſerving the

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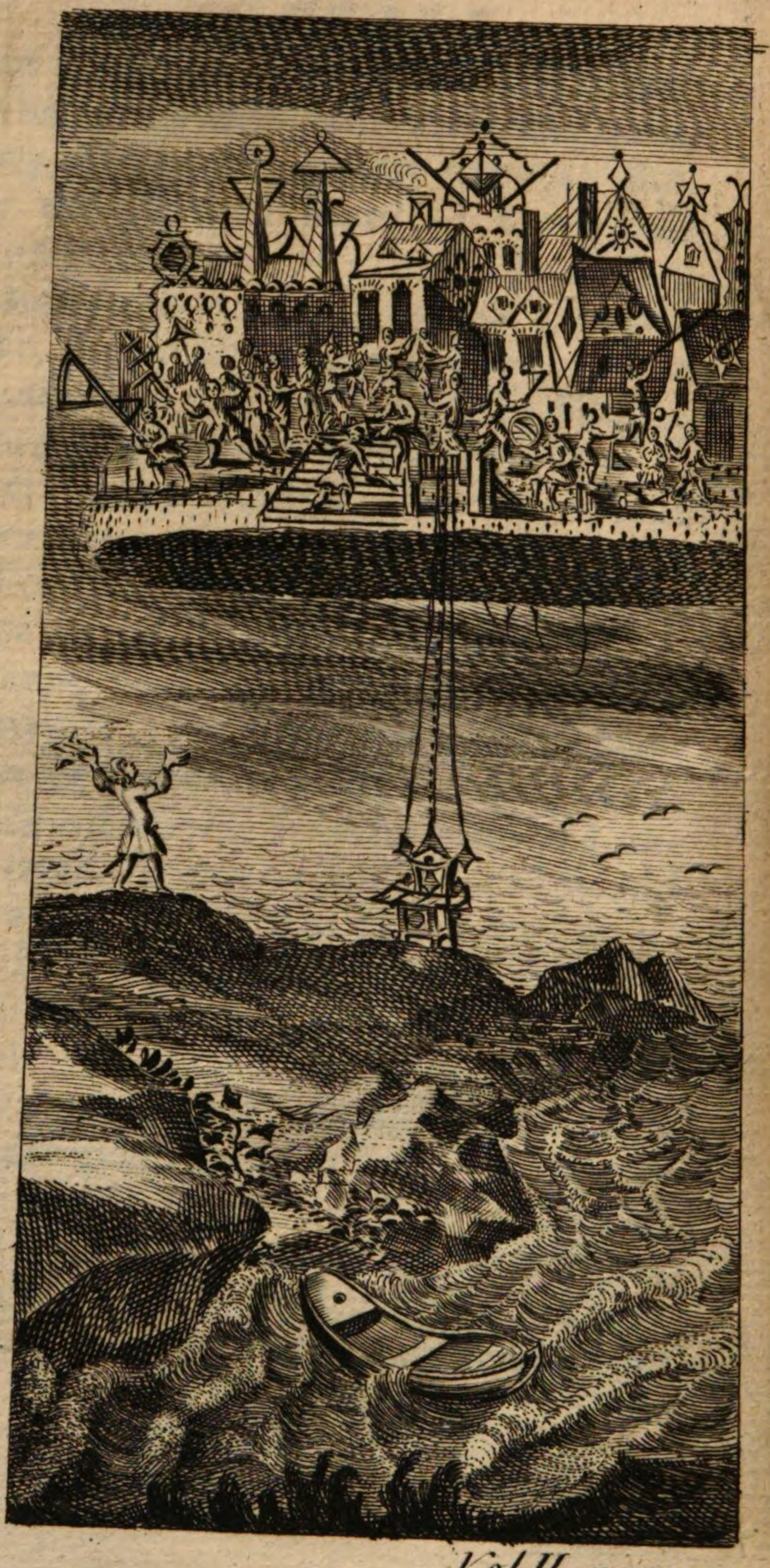

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Perſon and Geſture of him that was to ſpeak. He appeared to be of a middle Age, and taller than any of the other three who attended him, whereof one was a Page that held up his Train, and ſeemed to be ſomewhat longer than my middle Finger; the other two ſtood one on each Side to ſupport him. He acted every Part of an Orator, and I could obſerve many Periods of Threatenings, and others of Promiſes, Pity and Kindneſs. I anſwered in a few Words, but in the moſt ſubmiſſive Manner, lifting up my left Hand and both my Eyes to the Sun, as calling him for a Witneſs; and being almoſt famiſhed with Hunger, having not eaten a Morſel for ſome Hours before I left the Ship, I found the Demands of Nature ſo ſtrong upon me, that I could not forbear ſhewing my Impatience (perhaps againſt the ſtrict Rules of Decency) by putting my Finger frequently to my Mouth, to ſignify that I wanted Food. The *Hurgo* (for ſo they call a great Lord, as I afterwards learnt) underſtood me very well. He deſcended from the Stage, and commanded that

several Ladders should be applied to my Sides, on which above an hundred of the Inhabitants mounted, and walked towards my Mouth, laden with Baskets full of Meat, which had been provided and sent thither by the King's Orders, upon the first Intelligence he received of me. I observed there was the Flesh of several Animals, but could not distinguish them by the Taste. There were Shoulders, Legs and Loins, shapen like those of Mutton, and very well dressed, but smaller than the Wings of a Lark. I eat them by two or three at a Mouthful, and took three Loaves at a Time, about the Bigness of Musket Bullets. They supplied me as they could, shewing a thousand Marks of Wonder and Astonishment at my Bulk and Appetite. I then made another Sign that I wanted Drink. They found by my Eating, that a small Quantity would not suffice me, and being a most ingenious People, they slung up with great Dexterity one of their largest Hogsheads, then rolled it towards my Hand, and beat out the Top; I drank it off at a Draught, which I might well do,

do, for it did not hold half a Pint, and tasted like a small Wine of *Burgundy*, but much more delicious. They brought me a second Hogshead, which I drank in the same Manner, and made Signs for more; but they had none to give me. When I had performed these Wonders, they shouted for Joy, and danced upon my Breast, repeating several Times as they did at first, *Hekinah Degul*. They made me a Sign that I should throw down the two Hogsheads, but first warning the People below to stand out of the Way, crying aloud, *Borach Mevola*, and when they saw the Vessels in the Air, there was an universal Shout of *Hekinah Degul*. I confess I was often tempted, while they were passing backwards and forwards on my Body, to seize forty or fifty of the first that came in my Reach, and dash them against the Ground. But the Remembrance of what I had felt, which probably might not be the worst they could do, and the Promise of Honour I made them, for so I interpreted my submissive Behaviour, soon drove out these Imaginations. Besides, I now con-

conſidered myſelf as bound by the Laws of Hoſpitality to a People who had treated me with ſo much Expence and Magnificence. However, in my Thoughts, I could not ſufficiently wonder at the Intrepidity of theſe diminutive Mortals, who durſt venture to mount and walk upon my Body, while one of my Hands was at Liberty, without trembling at the very Sight of ſo prodigious a Creature as I muſt appear to them. After ſome Time, when they obſerved that I made no more Demands for Meat, there appeared before me a Perſon of high Rank from his Imperial Majeſty. His Excellency having mounted on the ſmall of my right Leg, advanced forwards up to my Face, with about a Dozen of his Retinue. And producing his Credentials under the Signet Royal, which he applied cloſe to my Eyes, ſpoke about ten Minutes, without any Sign of Anger, but with a Kind of determinate Reſolution; often pointing forwards, which, as I afterwards found, was towards the capital City, about half a Mile diſtant, whither it was agreed by his Majeſty

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in Council that I muſt be conveyed. I anſwered in few Words, but to no Purpoſe, and made a Sign with my Hand that was looſe, putting it to the other, (but over his Excellency's Head for Fear of hurting him or his Train) and then to my own Head and Body, to ſignify that I deſired my Liberty. It appeared that he underſtood me well enough, for he ſhook his Head by Way of Diſapprobation, and held his Hand in a Poſture to ſhew that I muſt be carried as a Priſoner. However, he made other Signs to let me underſtand that I ſhould have Meat and Drink enough, and very good Treatment. Whereupon I once more thought of attempting to break my Bonds; but again, when I felt the Smart of their Arrows, upon my Face and Hands, which were all in Bliſters, and many of the Darts ſtill ſticking in them, and obſerving likewiſe that the Number of my Enemies increaſed, I gave Tokens to let them know that they might do with me what they pleaſed, Upon this the *Hurgo* and his Train withdrew with much Civility and chearful Countenances. Soon after

ter I heard a general Shout, with frequent Repetitions of the Words, *Peplom Selan*, and I felt a great Number of People on my left Side relaxing the Cords to ſuch a Degree, that I was able to turn upon my Right, and to eaſe myſelf with making Water; which I very plentifully did, to the great Aſtoniſhment of the People, who conjecturing by my Motion what I was going to do, immediately opened to the Right and Left on that Side to avoid the Torrent which fell with ſuch Noiſe and Violence from me. But before this, they had dawbed my Face and both my Hands with a Sort of Ointment very pleaſant to the Smell, which in a few Minutes removed all the Smart of their Arrows. Theſe Circumſtances, added to the Refreſhment I had received by their Victuals and Drink, which were very nouriſhing, diſpoſed me to ſleep. I ſlept about eight Hours, as I was afterward aſſured; and it was no Wonder, for the Phyſicians, by the Emperor's Order, had mingled a ſleepy Potion in the Hogſheads of Wine.

IT ſeems that upon the firſt Moment

ment I was discovered sleeping on the Ground after my Landing, the Emperor had early Notice of it by an Express; and determined in Council that I should be tied in the Manner I have related, (which was done in the Night while I slept) that Plenty of Meat and Drink should be sent to me, and a Machine prepared to carry me to the capital City.

THIS Resolution perhaps may appear very bold and dangerous, and I am confident would not be imitated by any Prince in *Europe* on the like Occasion; however, in my Opinion, it was extremely prudent, as well as generous: For supposing these People had endeavoured to kill me with their Spears and Arrows while I was asleep, I should certainly have awaked with the first Sense of Smart, which might so far have rouzed my Rage and Strength, as to have enabled me to break the Strings wherewith I was tied; after which, as they were not able to make Resistance, so they could expect no Mercy.

THESE People are most excellent Mathematicians, and arrived to a great

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Perfection in Mechanicks, by the Countenance and Encouragement of the Emperor, who is a renowned Patron of Learning. This Prince hath several Machines fixed on Wheels, for the Carriage of Trees and other great Weights. He often builds his largest Men of War, whereof some are nine Feet long, in the Woods where the Timber grows, and has them carried on these Engines, three or four hundred Yards to the Sea. Five hundred Carpenters and Engineers were immediately set at Work to prepare the greatest Engine they had. It was a Frame of Wood raised three Inches from the Ground, about seven Feet long and four wide, moving upon twenty-two Wheels. The Shout I heard was upon the Arrival of this Engine, which it seems set out in four Hours after my Landing. It was brought parallel to me as I lay. But the principal Difficulty was to raise and place me in this Vehicle. Eighty Poles, each of one Foot high, were erected for this Purpose, and very strong Cords of the Bigness of Packthread were fastened by Hooks to many Bandages, which

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the Workmen had girt round my Neck, my Hands, my Body, and my Legs. Nine hundred of the ſtrongeſt Men were employed to draw up theſe Cords by many Pulleys faſtened on the Poles, and thus, in leſs than three Hours, I was raiſed and flung into the Engine, and there tied faſt. All this I was told, for, while the whole Operation was performing, I lay in a profound Sleep, by the Force of that ſoporiferous Medicine infuſed into my Liquor. Fifteen Hundred of the Emperor's largeſt Horſes, each about four Inches and an Half high, were employed to draw me towards the Metropolis, which, as I ſaid, was half a Mile diſtant.

ABOUT four Hours after we began our Journey. I awaked by a very ridiculous Accident; for the Carriage being ſtopt a While to adjuſt ſomething that was out of Order, two or three of the young Natives had the Curioſity to ſee how I looked when I was aſleep; they climbed up into the Engine, and advancing very ſoftly to my Face, one of them, an Officer in the Guards, put the ſharp End of his half Pike a good

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Way up into my left Noſtril, which tickled my Noſe like a Straw, and made me ſneeze violently *: Whereupon they ſtole off unperceived, and it was three Weeks before I knew the Cauſe of my awaking ſo ſuddenly. We made a long March the remaining Part of that Day, and reſted at Night with five hundred Guards on each Side of me, half with Torches, and half with Bows and Arrows, ready to ſhoot me if I ſhould offer to ſtir. The next Morning at Sunriſe we continued our March, and arrived within two hundred Yards of the City Gates about Noon. The Emperor and all his Court came out to meet us, but his great Officers would by no

* It has been remarked, that Courage in whatever Cauſe, though it ſometimes excites Indignation, is never the Object of Contempt; but this appears to be true, only becauſe Courage is ſuppoſed to imply Superiority: for this *Officer in the Guards* becomes extremely ridiculous and contemptible by an Act of the moſt daring Curioſity, which ſets him in Compariſon with *Gulliver*; to whom he was ſo much inferior, that a Blaſt of the *Man-mountain*'s Noſtrils would have endangered his Life; and, if Heroiſm itſelf is not Proof againſt Ridicule, thoſe ſurely are *Lilliputians* in Philoſophy who conſider Ridicule as the Teſt of Truth.

Means ſuffer his Majeſty to endanger his Perſon by mounting on my Body:

At the Place where the Carriage ſtopt, there ſtood an ancient Temple, eſteemed to be the largeſt in the whole Kingdom, which having been polluted ſome Years before by an unnatural Murder, was, according to the Zeal of thoſe People, looked on as prophane, and therefore had been applied to common Uſe, and all the Ornaments and Furniture carried away. In this Edifice it was determined I ſhould lodge. The great Gate fronting to the North was about four Feet high, and almoſt two Feet wide, through which I could eaſily creep. On each Side of the Gate was a ſmall Window not above ſix Inches from the Ground: Into that on the left Side, the King's Smith conveyed fourſcore and eleven Chains, like thoſe that hang to a Lady's Watch in *Europe*, and almoſt as large, which were locked to my left Leg with ſix and thirty Padlocks. Over-againſt this Temple, on the other Side of the great Highway, at twenty Feet diſtance, there was a Turret at leaſt five Feet high.

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Here the Emperor aſcended with many principal Lords of his Court, to have an Opportunity of viewing me, as I was told, for I could not ſee them. It was reckoned that above an hundred thouſand Inhabitants came out of the Town upon the ſame Errand; and in Spite of my Guards, I believe there could not be fewer than ten thouſand, at ſeveral Times, who mounted my Body by the Help of Ladders. But a Proclamation was ſoon iſſued to forbid it upon Pain of Death. When the Workman found it was impoſſible for me to break looſe, they cut all the Strings that bound me; whereupon I roſe up with as melancholy a Diſpoſition as ever I had in my Life. But the Noiſe and Aſtoniſhment of the People at ſeeing me riſe and walk, are not to be expreſſed. The Chains that held my left Leg were about two Yards long, and gave me not only the Liberty of walking backwards and forwards in a Semicircle; but being fixed within four Inches of the Gate, allowed me to creep in, and lie at my full Length in the Temple.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

The Emperor of Lilliput, *attended by ſeveral of his Nobility, comes to ſee the Author in his Confinement. The Emperor's Perſon and Habit deſcribed. Learned Men appointed to teach the Author their Language. He gains Favour by his mild Diſpoſition. His Pockets are ſearched, and his Sword and Piſtols taken from him.*

WHEN I found myſelf on my Feet, I looked about me, and muſt confeſs I never beheld a more entertaining Proſpect. The Country round appeared like a continued Garden, and the incloſed Fields, which were generally forty Feet ſquare, reſembled ſo many Beds of Flowers. Theſe Fields were intermingled with Woods of half a Stang †, and the talleſt Trees, as I could judge, appeared to be ſeven

† A *Stang* is a Pole or Perch ſixteen Feet and an half.

Feet high. I viewed the Town on my left Hand, which looked like the painted Scene of a City in a Theatre.

I HAD been for ſome Hours extremely preſſed by the Neceſſities of Nature; which was no Wonder, it being almoſt two Days ſince I had laſt diſburthened myſelf. I was under great Difficulties between Urgency and Shame. The beſt Expedient I could think on, was to creep into my Houſe, which I accordingly did; and ſhutting the Gate after me, I went as far as the Length of my Chain would ſuffer, and diſcharged my Body of that uneaſy Load. But this was the only Time I was ever guilty of ſo uncleanly an Action; for which I cannot but hope the candid Reader will give ſome Allowance, after he hath maturely and impartially conſidered my Caſe, and the Diſtreſs I was in. From this Time my conſtant Practice was, as ſoon as I roſe to perform that Buſineſs in open Air, at the fall Extent of my Chain, and due Care was taken every Morning before Company came, that the offenſive Matter ſhould be carried off in Wheelbarrows

barrows by two Servants appointed for that Purpoſe. I would not have dwelt ſo long upon a Circumſtance, that perhaps at firſt Sight may appear not very momentous, if I had not thought it neceſſary to juſtify my Character in Point of Cleanlineſs to the World; which I am told ſome of my Maligners have been pleaſed, upon this and other Occaſions, to call in Queſtion.

WHEN this Adventure was at an End, I came back out of my Houſe, having Occaſion for freſh Air. The Emperor was already deſcended from the Tower, and advancing on Horſeback towards me, which had like to have coſt him dear; for the Beaſt, though very well trained, yet wholly unuſed to ſuch a Sight, which appeared as if a Mountain moved before him, reared up on his hinder Feet; but that Prince, who is an excellent Horſeman, kept his Seat, till his Attendants ran in, and held the Bridle, while his Majeſty had Time to diſmount. When he alighted, he ſurveyed me round with great Admiration, but kept without the Length of my Chain. He ordered his

Cooks and Butlers, who were already prepared to give me Victuals and Drink, which they pushed forward in a Sort of Vehicles upon Wheels till I could reach them. I took these Vehicles, and soon emptied them all; twenty of them were filled with Meat, and ten with Liquor; each of the former afforded me two or three good Mouthfuls, and I emptied the Liquor of ten Vessels, which was contained in earthern Vials, into one Vehicle, drinking it off at a Draught, and so I did with the rest. The Empress, and young Princes of the Blood, of both Sexes, attended by many Ladies, sat at some Distance in their Chairs, but upon the Accident that happened to the Emperor's Horse, they alighted, and came near his Person, which I am now going to describe. He is taller by almost the Breadth of my Nail, than any of his Court; which alone is enough to strike an Awe into the Beholders. His Features are strong and masculine, with an *Austrian* Lip and arched Nose, his Complexion olive, his Countenance erect, his Body and Limbs well proportioned, all his Motions graceful, and

his Deportment majeſtick. He was then paſt his Prime, being twenty-eight Years and three Quarters old, of which he had reigned about ſeven, in great Felicity, and generally victorious. For the better Convenience of beholding him, I lay on my Side, ſo that my Face was parallel to his, and he ſtood but three Yards off: However, I have had him ſince many Times in my Hand, and therefore cannot be deceived in the Deſcription. His Dreſs very was plain and ſimple, and the Faſhion of it between the *Aſiatick* and *European*: But he had on his Head a light Helmet of Gold, adorned with Jewels, and a Plume on the Creſt. He held his Sword drawn in his Hand, to defend himſelf, if I ſhould happen to break looſe *; it

* The maſculine Strength of Features, which *Gulliver* could not ſee, till he laid his Face upon the Ground; and the awful Superiority of Stature in a Being, whom he held in his Hand; the Helmet, the Plume, and the Sword, are a fine Reproof of human Pride; the Objects of which are trifling Diſtinctions, whether of Perſon or Rank; the ridiculous Parade and Oſtentation of a Pigmy; which derive not only their Origin but their Uſe from the Folly, Weakneſs, and Imperfection of ourſelves and others.

was almoſt three Inches long, the Hilt and Scabbard were Gold enriched with Diamonds. His Voice was ſhrill, but very clear and articulate, and I could diſtinctly hear it when I ſtood up. The Ladies and Courtiers were all moſt magnificently clad, ſo that the Spot they ſtood upon ſeemed to reſemble a Petticoat ſpread on the Ground, embroidered with Figures of Gold and Silver. His Imperial Majeſty ſpoke often to me, and I returned Anſwers, but neither of us could underſtand a Syllable. There were ſeveral of his Prieſts and Lawyers preſent (as I conjectured by their Habits) who were commanded to addreſs themſelves to me, and I ſpoke to them in as many Languages as I had the leaſt Smattering of, which were *High* and *Low Dutch*, *Latin*, *French*, *Spaniſh*, *Italian*, and *Lingua Franca*; but all to no Purpoſe. After about two Hours the Court retired, and I was left with a ſtrong Guard, to prevent the Impertinence, and probably the Malice of the Rabble, who were very impatient to crowd about me as near as they durſt, and ſome of them had the Impudence

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to ſhoot their Arrows at me as I ſat on the Ground by the Door of my Houſe, whereof one very narrowly miſſed my left Eye. But the Colonel ordered ſix of the Ring-leaders to be ſeized, and thought no Puniſhment ſo proper as to deliver them bound into my Hands, which ſome of his Soldiers accordingly did, puſhing them forwards with the But-ends of their Pikes into my Reach; I took them all in my right Hand, put five of them into my Coat-pocket, and as to the ſixth, I made a Countenance as if I would eat him alive. The poor Man ſqualled terribly, and the Colonel and his Officers were in much Pain, eſpecially when they ſaw me take out my Penknife: But I ſoon put them out of Fear, for, looking mildly, and immediately cutting the Strings he was bound with, I ſet him gently on the Ground, and away he ran; I treated the reſt in the ſame Manner, taking them, one by one, out of my Pocket, and I obſerved both the Soldiers and People were highly delighted at this Mark of my Clemency, which was repreſented very much to my Advantage at Court.

TOWARDS Night I got with ſome Difficulty into my Houſe, where I lay on the Ground, and continued to do ſo about a Fortnight; during which Time the Emperor gave Orders to have a Bed prepared for me. Six hundred Beds * of the common Meaſure were brought in Carriages and worked up in my Houſe, an hundred and fifty of their Beds ſown together made up the Breadth and Length; and theſe were four double, which however kept me but very indifferently from the Hardneſs of the Floor that was of ſmooth Stone. By the ſame Computation they provided me with Sheets, Blankets, and Coverlets, tolerable enough for one who had been ſo long inured to Hardſhips.

As the News of my Arrival ſpread through the Kingdom, it brought prodigious Numbers of rich, idle, and curious People to ſee me; ſo that the Villages were almoſt emptied, and great Neglect of Tillage and Houſhold Affairs muſt have enſued, if his Imperial

* *Gulliver* has obſerved great Exactneſs in the juſt Proportion and Appearances of the Objects thus leſſened. ORRERY.

Majeſty had not provided, by ſeveral Proclamations and Orders of State, againſt this Inconveniency. He directed, that thoſe who had already beheld me, ſhould return Home, and not preſume to come within fifty Yards of my Houſe, without Licence from Court; whereby the Secretaries of State got conſiderable Fees.

In the mean Time, the Emperor had frequent Councils to debate what Courſe ſhould be taken with me; and I was afterwards aſſured by a particular Friend, a Perſon of great Quality, who was looked upon to be as much in the Secret as any, that the Court was under many Difficulties concerning me. They apprehended my breaking looſe, that my Diet would be very expenſive, and might cauſe a Famine. Sometimes they determined to ſtarve me, or at leaſt to ſhoot me in the Face and Hands with poiſoned Arrows, which would ſoon diſpatch me; but again they conſidered, that the Stench of ſo large a Carcaſe might produce a Plague in the Metropolis, and probably ſpread thro' the

the whole Kingdom. In the Midſt of theſe Conſultations ſeveral Officers of the Army went to the Door of the great Council-Chamber; and two of them being admitted, gave an Account of my Behaviour to the ſix Criminals above-mentioned, which made ſo favourable an Impreſſion in the Breaſt of his Majeſty and the whole Board in my Behalf, that an Imperial Commiſſion was iſſued out, obliging all the Villages nine hundred Yards round the City, to deliver in every Morning ſix Beeves, forty Sheep, and other Victuals for my Suſtenance; together with a proportionable Quantity of Bread, and Wine and other Liquors: For the due Payment of which, his Majeſty gave Aſſignments upon his Treaſury. For this Prince lives chiefly upon his own Demeſnes, ſeldom, except upon great Occaſions, raiſing any Subſidies upon his Subjects, who are bound to attend him in his Wars at their own Expence. An Eſtabliſhment was alſo made of ſix hundred Perſons to be my Domeſticks, who had Board-wages allowed for their Maintenance, and Tents built for them very

very conveniently on each Side of my Door. It was likewiſe ordered, that three hundred Taylors ſhould make me a Suit of Cloaths after the Faſhion of the Country. That ſix of his Majeſty's greateſt Scholars ſhould be employed to inſtruct me in their Language: And, laſtly, that the Emperor's Horſes, and thoſe of the Nobility, and Troops of Guards, ſhould be frequently exerciſed in my Sight, to accuſtom themſelves to me. All theſe Orders were duly put in Execution, and in about three Weeks I made a great Progreſs in learning their Language; during which Time, the Emperor frequently honoured me with his Viſits, and was pleaſed to aſſiſt my Maſters in teaching me. We began already to converſe together in ſome Sort; and the firſt Words I learnt were to expreſs my Deſire that he would pleaſe to give me my Liberty, which I every Day repeated on my Knees. His Anſwer, as I could apprehend it, was, that this muſt be a Work of Time, not to be thought on without the Advice of Council, and that firſt I muſt *Lumos Kelmin peſſo deſmar lon*

Empoſo; that is, ſwear a Peace with him and his Kingdom. However, that I ſhould be uſed with all Kindneſs; and he adviſed me to acquire, by my Patience and diſcreet Behaviour, the good Opinion of himſelf and his Subjects. He deſired I would not take it ill if he gave Orders to certain proper Officers to ſearch me; for probably I might carry about me ſeveral Weapons, which muſt needs be dangerous Things, if they anſwered the Bulk of ſo prodigious a Perſon. I ſaid, his Majeſty ſhould be ſatisfied, for I was ready to ſtrip myſelf, and turn up my Pockets before him. This I delivered Part in Words, and Part in Signs. He replied, that by the Laws of the Kingdom I muſt be ſearched by two of his Officers; that he knew this could not be done without my Conſent and Aſſiſtance; that he had ſo good an Opinion of my Generoſity and Juſtice, as to truſt their Perſons in my Hands: That whatever they took from me ſhould be returned when I left the Country, or paid for at the Rate which I would ſet upon them. I took up the

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two Officers in my Hands, put them firſt into my Coat-Pockets, and then into every other Pocket about me, except my two Fobs, and another ſecret Pocket I had no Mind ſhould be ſearched, wherein I had ſome little Neceſſaries that were of no Conſequence to any but myſelf. In one of my Fobs there was a Silver Watch, and in the other a ſmall Quantity of Gold in a Purſe. Theſe Gentlemen, having Pen, Ink, and Paper about them, made an exact Inventory of every Thing they ſaw; and, when they had done, deſired I would ſet them down, that they might deliver it to the Emperor. This Inventory I afterwards tranſlated into *Engliſh*, and is Word for Word as follows:

IMPRIMIS, In the right Coat-pocket of the *Great Man-Mountain* (for ſo I interpret the Words *Quinbus Fleſtrin*, after the ſtricteſt Search, we found only one great Piece of coarſe Cloth) large enough to be a Foot-Cloth for your Majeſty's chief Room of State. In the left Pocket, we ſaw a huge ſilver Cheſt, with a Cover of the ſame Metal, which we the Searchers were not able to lift.

We desired it should be opened, and one of us stepping into it, found himself up to the Mid-leg in a Sort of Dust, some Part whereof flying up to our Faces set us both a sneezing for several Times together. In his right Waistcoat-Pocket, we found a prodigious Bundle of white thin Substances, folded one over another, about the Bigness of three Men, tied with a strong Cable, and marked with black Figures; which we humbly conceive to be Writings, every Letter almost half as large as the Palm of our Hands. In the left there was a Sort of Engine, from the Back of which were extended twenty long Poles, resembling the Palisado's before your Majesty's Court; wherewith we conjecture the *Man-Mountain* combs his Head, for we did not always trouble him with Questions, because we found it a great Difficulty to make him understand us. In a large Pocket on the right Side of his middle Cover, so I translate the Word *Ranfu-Lo*, by which they meant my Breeches, we saw a hollow Pillar of Iron, about the Length of a Man, fastened to a strong

ſtrong Piece of Timber, larger than the Pillar; and upon one Side of the Pillar were huge Pieces of ſtrong Iron ſticking out, cut into ſtrange Figures, which we knew not what to make of. In the left Pocket, another Engine of the ſame Kind. In the ſmaller Pocket, on the right Side, were ſeveral round flat Pieces of white and red Metal, of different Bulk; ſome of the white, which ſeemed to be Silver, were ſo large and heavy, that my Comrade and I could hardly lift them. In the left Pocket were two black Pillars irregularly ſhaped: We could not, without Difficulty, reach the Top of them as we ſtood at the Bottom of his Pocket. One of them was covered, and ſeemed all of a Piece: But at the upper End of the other, there appeared a white round Subſtance, about twice the Bigneſs of our Heads. Within each of theſe was incloſed a prodigious Plate of Steel; which, by our Orders, we obliged him to ſhew us, becauſe we apprehended they might be dangerous Engines. He took them out of their Caſes, and told us, that in his own Country his Practice was to ſhave

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his Beard with one of theſe, and to cut his Meat with the other. There were two Pockets which we could not enter: Theſe he called his Fobs; they were two large Slits cut into the Top of his middle Cover, but ſqueezed cloſe by the Preſſure of his Belly. Out of the right Fob hung a great ſilver Chain, with a wonderful Kind of Engine at the Bottom. We directed him to draw out whatever was faſtened to that Chain; which appeared to be a Globe, half Silver, and half of ſome tranſparent Metal: For on the tranſparent Side we ſaw certain ſtrange Figures circularly drawn, and thought we could touch them, till we found our Fingers ſtopped by that lucid Subſtance. He put this Engine to our Ears, which made an inceſſant Noiſe like that of a Water-mill. And we conjecture it is either ſome unknown Animal, or the God that he worſhips: But we are more inclined to the latter Opinion, becauſe he aſſured us, if we underſtood him right, for he expreſſed himſelf very imperfectly) that he ſeldom did any Thing without conſulting it. He called it his Oracle,

Oracle, and ſaid, it pointed out the Time for every Action of his Life *. From the left Fob he took out a Net almoſt large enough for a Fiſherman, but contrived to open and ſhut like a Purſe, and ſerved him for the ſame Uſe: We found therein ſeveral maſſy Pieces of yellow Metal, which, if they be real Gold, muſt be of immenſe Value.

HAVING thus, in Obedience to your Majeſty's Commands, diligently ſearched all his Pockets, we obſerved a Girdle about his Waiſt, made of the Hide of ſome prodigious Animal, from which, on the left Side, hung a Sword of the Length of five Men; and on the right, a Bag or Pouch divided into two Cells, each Cell capable of holding three of your Majeſty's Subjects. In one of theſe Cells were ſeveral Globes or Balls of a moſt ponderous Metal, about the Bigneſs of our Heads, and

* Perhaps the Author intended to expoſe the probable Fallacy of Opinions derived from the Relations of Travellers, by ſhewing how little Truth need to be miſunderſtood to make Falſhood ſpecious.

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required a ſtrong Hand to lift them: The other Cell contained a Heap of certain black Grains, but of no great Bulk or Weight, for we could hold above fifty of them in the Palms of our Hands.

THIS is an exact Inventory of what we found about the Body of the *Man-Mountain*, who uſed us with great Civility, and due Reſpect to your Majeſty's Commiſſion. Signed and ſealed on the fourth Day of the eighty-ninth Moon of your Majeſty's auſpicious Reign.

Clefrin Frelock, Marſi Frelock.

WHEN this Inventory was read over to the Emperor, he directed me, although in very gentle Terms, to deliver up the ſeveral Particulars. He firſt called for my Scymiter, which I took out, Scabbard and all. In the mean Time he ordered three Thouſand of his choiceſt Troops (who then attended him) to ſurround me at a Diſtance, with their Bows and Arrows juſt ready to diſcharge: But I did not obſerve

ſerve it, for mine Eyes were wholly fixed upon his Majeſty. He then deſired me to draw my Scymiter, which, although it had got ſome Ruſt by the Sea-Water, was in moſt Parts exceeding bright. I did ſo, and immediately all the Troops gave a Shout between Terror and Surprize; for the Sun ſhone clear, and the Reflection dazzled their Eyes as I waved the Scymiter to and fro in my Hand. His Majeſty, who is a moſt magnanimous Prince *, was leſs daunted than I could expect; he ordered me to return it into the Scabbard, and caſt it on the Ground as gently as I could, about ſix Feet from the End of my Chain. The next Thing he demanded, was one of the hollow Iron Pillars, by which he meant my Pocket Piſtols. I drew it out, and at his Deſire, as well as I could, expreſſed to him the Uſe of it; and charging it only with

† He who does not find himſelf diſpoſed to honour this Magnanimity ſhould reflect that a Right to judge of moral and intellectual Excellence is with great Abſurdity and Injuſtice arrogated by him who admires, in a being ſix Feet high, any Qualities that he deſpiſes in one whoſe Statue does not exceed ſix Inches.

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Powder, which by the Cloſeneſs of my Pouch happened to eſcape wetting in the Sea, (an Inconvenience againſt which all prudent Mariners take ſpecial Care to provide) I firſt cautioned the Emperor not to be afraid, and then I let it off into the Air. The Aſtoniſhment here was much greater than at the Sight of my Scymiter. Hundreds fell down as if they had been ſtruck dead; and even the Emperor, although he ſtood his Ground, could not recover himſelf in ſome Time. I delivered up both my Piſtols in the ſame Manner, as I had done my Scymiter, and then my Pouch of Powder and Bullets; begging him that the former might be kept from the Fire, for it would kindle with the ſmalleſt Spark, and blow up his Imperial Palace into the Air. I likewiſe delivered up my Watch, which the Emperor was very curious to ſee, and commanded two of his talleſt Yeomen of the Guards to bear it on a Pole upon their Shoulders, as Draymen in *England* do a Barrel of Ale. He was amazed at the continual Noiſe it made, and the Motion of the Minute-

nute-hand, which he could eaſily diſcern; for their Sight is much more acute than ours: And aſked the Opinions of his learned Men about him, which were various and remote, as the Reader may well imagine without my repeating; although indeed I could not very perfectly underſtand them. I then gave up my Silver and Copper Money, my Purſe with nine large Pieces of Gold, and ſome ſmaller ones; my Knife and Razor, my Comb and Silver Snuff-Box, my Handkerchief and Journal-Book. My Scymiter, Piſtols, and Pouch, were conveyed in Carriages to his Majeſty's Stores; but the reſt of my Goods were returned me.

I HAD, as I before obſerved, one private Pocket which eſcaped their Search, wherein there was a Pair of Spectacles, (which I ſometimes uſe for the Weakneſs of mine Eyes) a Pocket-Perſpective, and ſeveral other little Conveniencies; which being of no Conſequence to the Emperor, I did not think myſelf bound in Honour to diſcover, and I apprehended they might be loſt or ſpoiled if I ventured them out of my Poſſeſſion.

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CHAP. III.

The Author diverts the Emperor and his Nobility of both Sexes in a very uncommon Manner. The Diverſions of the Court of Lilliput *deſcribed. The Author has his Liberty granted him upon certain Conditions.*

MY Gentleneſs and good Behaviour had gained ſo far on the Emperor and his Court, and indeed upon the Army and People in general, that I began to conceive Hopes of getting my Liberty in a ſhort Time. I took all poſſible Methods to cultivate this favourable Diſpoſition. The Natives came by Degrees to be leſs apprehenſive of any Danger from me. I would ſometimes lie down, and let five or ſix of them dance on my Hand. And at laſt the Boys and Girls would venture to come and play at Hide and Seek in my Hair. I had now made a good Progreſs in underſtanding and ſpeaking their Language. The Em-

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peror had a Mind one Day to entertain me with ſeveral of the Country Shows, wherein they exceed all Nations I have known, both for Dexterity and Magnificence. I was diverted with none ſo much as that of the Rope-Dancers performed upon a ſlender white Thread, extended about two Feet, and twelve Inches from the Ground. Upon which I ſhall deſire Liberty, with the Reader's Patience, to enlarge a little.

THIS Diverſion is only practiſed by thoſe Perſons who are Candidates for great Employments, and high Favour, at Court. They are trained in this Art from their Youth, and are not always of noble Birth, or liberal Education. When a great Office is vacant either by Death or Diſgrace (which often happens) five or ſix of theſe Candidates petition the Emperor to entertain his Majeſty and the Court with a Dance on the Rope, and whoever jumps the higheſt, without falling, ſucceeds in the Office. Very often the chief Miniſters themſelves are commanded to ſhew their Skill, and to convince the Emperor that they have not loſt their

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Faculty. *Flimnap*, the Treaſurer, is allowed to cut a Caper on the ſtrait Rope, at leaſt an Inch higher than any other Lord in the whole Empire. I have ſeen him do the Summerſet * ſeveral Times together upon a Trencher fixed on the Rope, which is no thicker than a common Packthread in *England*. My Friend *Reldreſel*, principal Secretary for private Affairs, is in my Opinion, if I am not partial, the ſecond after the Treaſurer; the reſt of the great Officers are much upon a Par.

THESE Diverſions are often attended with fatal Accidents, whereof great Numbers are on Record. I myſelf have ſeen two or three Candidates break a Limb. But the Danger is much greater when the Miniſters themſelves are commanded to ſhew their Dexterity; for by contending to excel themſelves and their Fellows, they ſtrain ſo far, that there is hardly one of them who hath not received a Fall, and ſome of them two or three. I was aſſured

* Summerſet, or Summerſault, a Gambol of a Tumbler, in which he ſprings up, turns Heels over Head in the Air, and comes down upon his Feet.

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that a Year or two before my Arrival, *Flimnap* would have infallibly broke his Neck, if one of the King's Cushions, that accidentally lay on the Ground, had not weakened the Force of his Fall.

THERE is likewise another Diversion which is only shewn before the Emperor and Empress, and first Minister upon peculiar Occasions. The Emperor lays on the Table three fine silken Threads of six Inches long, One is Blue, the other Red, and the third Green. These Threads are proposed as Prizes for those Persons whom the Emperor hath a Mind to distinguish by a peculiar Mark of his Favour. The Ceremony is performed in his Majesty's great Chamber of State, where the Candidates are to undergo a Trial of Dexterity very different from the former, and such as I have not observed the least Resemblance of in any other Country of the old or new World. The Emperor holds a Stick in his Hands, both Ends parallel to the Horizon, while the Candidates advancing, one by one, sometimes leap over the Stick, sometimes creep under it backwards

wards and forwards feveral Times, according as the Stick is advanced or depreſſed. Sometimes the Emperor holds one End of the Stick, and his firſt Miniſter the other; ſometimes the Miniſter has it intirely to himſelf. Whoever performs his Part with moſt Agility, and holds out the longeſt in leaping and creeping, is rewarded with the Blue-coloured Silk; the Red is given to the next, and the Green to the third, which they all wear girt twice round about the Middle; and you ſee few great Perſons about this Court, who are not adorned with one of theſe Girdles.

THE Horſes of the Army and thoſe of the royal Stables, having been daily led before me, were no longer ſhy, but would come up to my very Feet without ſtarting. The Riders would leap them over my Hand as I held it on the Ground, and one of the Emperor's Huntſmen, upon a large Courſer, took my Foot, Shoe and all; which was indeed a prodigious Leap. I had the good Fortune to divert the Emperor one Day after a very extraordinary Man-

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ner. I desired he would order several Sticks of two Feet high, and the Thickness of an ordinary Cane, to be brought me; whereupon his Majesty commanded the Master of his Woods to give Directions accordingly, and the next Morning six Woodmen arrived with as many Carriages drawn by eight Horses to each. I took nine of these Sticks, and fixing them firmly in the Ground in a Quadrangular Figure, two Feet and a half Square, I took four other Sticks, and tied them parallel at each Corner, about two Feet from the Ground; then I fastened my Handkerchief to the nine Sticks that stood erect, and extended it on all Sides till it was as tight as the Top of a Drum; and the four parallel Sticks, rising about five Inch s higher than the Handkerchief, served as Ledges on each Side. When I had finished my Work, I desired the Emperor to let a Troop of his best Horse, twenty-four in Number, come and exercise upon this Plain. His Majesty approved of the Proposal, and I took them up one by one in my Hands, ready mounted and armed,

with the proper Officers to exerciſe them. As ſoon as they got in Order, they divided into two Parties, performed mock Skirmiſhes, diſcharged blunt Arrows, drew their Swords, fled and purſued, attacked and retired, and in ſhort diſcovered the beſt military Diſcipline I ever beheld. The parallel Sticks ſecured them and their Horſes from falling over the Stage; and the Emperor was ſo much delighted, that he ordered this Entertainment to be repeated ſeveral Days, and once was pleaſed to be lifted up, and give the Word of Command; and, with great Difficulty, perſuaded even the Empreſs herſelf to let me hold her in her cloſe Chair within two Yards of the Stage, from whence ſhe was able to take a full View of the whole Performance. It was by good Fortune that no ill Accident happened in theſe Entertainments, only once a fiery Horſe, that belonged to one of the Captains, pawing with his Hoof, ſtruck a Hole in my Handkerchief, and his Foot ſlipping, he overthrew his Rider and himſelf; but I immediately relieved them both, and covering the Hole with one Hand, I ſet down the Troop

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with the other, in the ſame Manner as I took them up. The Horſe that fell was ſtrained in the left Shoulder, but the Rider got no Hurt, and I repaired my Handkerchief as well as I could; however, I would not truſt to the Strength of it any more in ſuch dangerous Enterprizes.

About two or three Days before I was ſet at Liberty, as I was entertaining the Court with theſe Kind of Feats, there arrived an Expreſs to inform his Majeſty, that ſome of his Subjects, riding near the Place where I was firſt taken up, had ſeen a great black Subſtance lying on the Ground, very oddly ſhaped, extending its Edges round as wide as his Majeſty's Bed-Chamber, and riſing up in the Middle as high as a Man; that it was no living Creature, as they at firſt apprehended, for it lay on the Graſs without Motion; and ſome of them had walked round it ſeveral Times: That, by mounting upon each other's Shoulders, they had got to the Top, which was flat and even, and, ſtamping upon it, they found it was hollow within; that they humbly con-

ceived it might be ſomething belonging to the *Man-Mountain*; and, if his Majeſty pleaſed, they would undertake to bring it with only five Horſes. I preſently knew what they meant, and was glad at Heart to receive this Intelligence. It ſeems upon my firſt reaching the Shore, after our Shipwreck, I was in ſuch Confuſion, that, before I came to the Place where I went to ſleep, my Hat, which I had faſtened with a String to my Head while I was rowing, and had ſtuck on all the Time I was ſwimming, fell off after I came to Land; the String, as I conjecture, breaking by ſome Accident which I never obſerved, but thought my Hat had been loſt at Sea. I intreated his Imperial Majeſty to give Orders it might be brought to me as ſoon as poſſible, deſcribing to him the Uſe and Nature of it: And the next Day the Waggoners arrived with it, but not in a very good Condition; they had bored two Holes in the Brim, within an Inch and half of the Edge, and faſtened two Hooks in the Holes; theſe Hooks were tied by a long Cord to the Harneſs, and thus my

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Hat was dragged along for above half an *Engliſh* Mile; but, the Ground in that Country being extremely ſmooth and level, it received leſs Damage than I expected.

Two Days after this Adventure, the Emperor having ordered that Part of his Army, which quarters in and about his Metropolis, to be in Readineſs, took a Fancy of diverting himſelf in a very ſingular Manner: He deſired I would ſtand like a *Coloſſus*, with my Legs as far aſunder as I conveniently could; he then commanded his General (who was an old experienced Leader, and a great Patron of mine) to draw up the Troops in cloſe Order, and march them under me; the Foot by twenty-four in a Breaſt, and the Horſe by ſixteen, with Drums beating, Colours flying, and Pikes advanced. This Body conſiſted of three thouſand Foot, and a thouſand Horſe. His Majeſty gave Orders, upon Pain of Death, that every Soldier in his March ſhould obſerve the ſtricteſt Decency, with regard to my Perſon; which, however, could not prevent ſome of the younger Officers from turning up

their Eyes as they paſſed under me. And, to confeſs the Truth, my Breeches were at that Time in ſo ill a Condition, that they afforded ſome Opportunities for Laughter and Admiration.

I HAD ſent ſo many Memorials and Petitions for my Liberty, that his Majeſty at length mentioned the Matter firſt in the Cabinet, and then in a full Council; where it was oppoſed by none, except *Skyreſh Bolgolam*, who was pleaſed, without any Provocation, to be my mortal Enemy. But it was carried againſt him by the whole Board, and confirmed by the Emperor. That Miniſter was *Galbet*, or Admiral of the Realm, very much in his Maſter's Confidence, and a Perſon well verſed in Affairs, but of a moroſe and ſour Complexion. However, he was at length perſuaded to comply; but prevailed that the Articles and Conditions upon which I ſhould be ſet free, and to which I muſt ſwear, ſhould be drawn up by himſelf. Theſe Articles were brought to me by *Skyreſh Bolgolam* in Perſon, attended by two Under-Secretaries, and ſeveral Perſons of Diſtinction. After they were read, I was demanded

to ſwear to the Performance of them; firſt in the Manner of my own Country, and afterwards in the Method preſcribed by their Laws, which was to hold my right Foot in my left Hand, and to place the middle Finger of my right Hand on the Crown of my Head, and my Thumb on the Tip of my right Ear. But, becauſe the Reader may be curious to have ſome Idea of the Style and Manner of Expreſſion peculiar to that People, as well as to know the Articles upon which I recovered my Liberty, I have made a Tranſlation of the whole Inſtrument, Word for Word, as near as I was able, which I here offer to the Publick:

GOLBASTO MOMAREN EVLAME GURDILO SHEFIN MULLY ULLY GUE, Moſt Mighty Emperor of *Lilliput*, Delight and Terror of the Univerſe, whoſe Dominions extend five Thouſand *Bluſtrugs*, (about twelve Miles in Circumference) to the Extremities of the Globe; Monarch of all Monarchs, taller than the Sons of Men; whoſe Feet preſs down to the Center, and whoſe Head ſtrikes againſt the Sun; at whoſe Nod the Princes of the Earth ſhake their Knees; pleaſant

as the Spring, comfortable as the Summer, fruitful as Autumn, dreadful as Winter. His moſt ſublime Majeſty propoſeth to the *Man-Mountain*, lately arrived to our Celeſtial Dominions, the following Articles, which, by a ſolemn Oath, he ſhall be obliged to perform :

1*ſt*, The *Man-Monntain* ſhall not depart from our Dominions without our Licence under our great Seal.

2*d*, He ſhall not preſume to come into our Metropolis, without our expreſs Order ; at which Time the Inhabitants ſhall have two Hours Warning to keep within their Doors.

3*d*, The ſaid *Man-Mountain* ſhall confine his Walks to our principal high Roads, and not offer to walk or lie down in a Meadow or Field of Corn.

4*th*, As he walks the ſaid Roads, he ſhall take the utmoſt Care not to trample upon the Bodies of any of our loving Subjects, their Horſes, or Carriages, nor take any of our Subjects into his Hands, without their own Conſent.

5*th*, If an Expreſs requires extraordinary Diſpatch, the *Man-Mountain* ſhall be obliged to carry in his Pocket the

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Meſſenger and Horſe, a ſix Days Journey once in every Moon, and return the ſaid Meſſenger back (if ſo required) ſafe to our Imperial Preſence.

6*th*, He ſhall be our Ally againſt our Enemies in the Iſland of *Bleſuſcu* *, and do his utmoſt to deſtroy their Fleet, which is now preparing to invade us.

7*th*, That the ſaid *Man-Mountain* ſhall, at his Times of Leiſure, be aiding and aſſiſting to our Workmen, in helping to raiſe certain great Stones, towards covering the Wall of the principal Park, and other our Royal Buildings.

8*th*, That the ſaid *Man-Mountain* ſhall, in two Moons Time, deliver in an exact Survey of the Circumference of our Dominions, by a Computation of his own Paces round the Coaſt.

Laſtly, That, upon his ſolemn Oath to obſerve all the above Articles, the ſaid *Man-Mountain* ſhall have a daily Allowance of Meat and Drink ſufficient for the Support of 1724 of our Sub-

* In his Deſcription of *Lilliput*, he ſeems to have had *England* more immediately in View; in his Deſcription of *Bleſuſcu*, he ſeems to intend the People and Kingdom of *France*. ORRERY.

jects, with free Access to our Royal Person, and other Marks of our Favour. Given at our Palace at *Belfaborac*, the twelfth Day of the ninety-first Moon of our Reign.

I swore and subscribed to these Articles with great Chearfulness and Content, although some of them were not so honourable as I could have wished; which proceeded wholly from the Malice of *Skyresh Bolgolam*, the High Admiral; whereupon my Chains were immediately unlocked, and I was at full Liberty; the Emperor himself in Person did me the Honour to be by at the whole Ceremony; I made my Acknowledgments, by prostrating myself at his Majesty's Feet: But he commanded me to rise; and after many gracious Expressions, which, to avoid the Censure of Vanity, I shall not repeat; he added, that he hoped I should prove a useful Servant, and well deserve all the Favours he had already conferred upon me, or might do for the Future.

The Reader may please to observe, that, in the last Article for the Recovery of my Liberty, the Emperor stipulates

pulates to allow me a Quantity of Meat and Drink ſufficient for the Support of 1724 *Lilliputians*. Some Time after, aſking a Friend at Court, how they came to fix on that determinate Number; he told me, thar his Majeſty's Mathematicians, having taken the Heighth of my Body by the Help of a *Quadrant*, and finding it to exceed theirs in the Proportion of twelve to one, they concluded from the Similarity of their Bodies, that mine muſt contain, at leaſt, 1724 of theirs, and, conſequently, would require as much Food as was neceſſary to ſupport that Number of *Lilliputians*. By which, the Reader may conceive an Idea of the Ingenuity of that People, as well as the prudent and exact Œconomy of ſo great a Prince.

CHAP. IV.

Mildendo, *the Metropolis of* Lilliput, *described, together with the Emperor's Palace. A Converſation between the Author and a principal Secretary, concerning the Affairs of that Empire. The Author offers to ſerve the Emperor in his Wars.*

THE firſt Requeſt, I made after I had obtained my Liberty, was, that I might have Licence to ſee *Mildendo*, the Metropolis; which the Emperor eaſily granted me, but with a ſpecial Charge to do no Hurt, either to the Inhabitants, or their Houſes. The People had Notice by Proclamation, of my Deſign to viſit the Town. The Wall. which encompaſſed it, is two Feet and a half high, and at leaſt eleven Inches broad, ſo that a Coach and Horſes may be driven very ſafely round it; and it is flanked with ſtrong Towers, at ten Feet Diſtance. I ſtept over the great Weſtern Gate, and paſſed very gently,

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and ſideling, through the two principal Streets, only in my ſhort Waiſt-coat, for Fear of damaging the Roofs and Eves of the Houſes with the Skirts of my Coat. I walked with the utmoſt Circumſpection, to avoid treading on any Stragglers, that might remain in the Streets, although the Orders were ſtrict, that all People ſhould keep in their Houſes, at their own Peril. The Garret-windows and Tops of Houſes were ſo crouded with Spectators, that I thought, in all my Travels, I had not ſeen a more populous Place. The City is an exact Square, each Side of the Wall being five hundred Feet long. The two great Streets, which run croſs, and divide it into four Quarters, are five Feet wide. The Lanes and Alleys, which I could not enter, but only viewed them as I paſſed, are from twelve to eighteen Inches. The Town is capable of holding five hundred thouſand Souls. The Houſes are from three to five Stories. The Shops and Markets well provided.

The Emperor's Palace is in the Center of the City, where the two great Streets meet. It is incloſed by a Wall of two

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Feet high, and twenty Feet Diſtance from the Buildings. I had his Majeſty's Permiſſion to ſtep over this Wall; and, the Space being ſo wide between that and the Palace, I could eaſily view it on every Side. The outward Court is a Square of forty Feet, and includes two other Courts: In the Inmoſt are the Royal Apartments, which I was very deſirous to ſee, but found it extremely difficult; for the great Gates, from one Square into another, were but eighteen Inches high, and ſeven Inches wide. Now the Buildings of the outer Court were at leaſt five Feet high, and it was impoſſible for me to ſtride over them, without infinite Damage to the Pile, though the Walls were ſtrongly built of hewn Stone, and four Inches thick. At the ſame Time, the Emperor had a great Deſire that I ſhould ſee the Magnificence of his Palace; but this I was not able to do till three Days after, which I ſpent in cutting down with my Knife ſome of the largeſt Trees in the Royal Park, about an hundred Yards Diſtance from the City. Of theſe Trees I made two Stools, each about three Feet high, and

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ſtrong enough to bear my Weight. The People having received Notice a ſecond Time, I went again through the City, to the Palace, with my two Stools in my Hands. When I came to the Side of the outer Court, I ſtood upon one Stool, and took the other in my Hand; this I lifted over the Roof, and gently ſet it down on the Space between the firſt and ſecond Court, which was eight Feet wide. I then ſtept over the Building very conveniently, from one Stool to the other, and drew up the firſt after me with a hooked Stick. By this Contrivance, I got into the inmoſt Court; and, lying down upon my Side, I applied my Face to the Windows of the middle Stories, which were left open on Purpoſe, and diſcovered the moſt ſplendid Apartments that can be imagined. There I ſaw the Empreſs, and the young Princes, in their ſeveral Lodgings, with their chief Attendants about them. Her Imperial Majeſty was pleaſed to ſmile very graciouſly upon me, and gave me out of the Window her Hand to kiſs.

But I ſhall not anticipate the Reader with farther Deſcriptions of this Kind,

because I reserve them for a greater Work, which is now almost ready for the Press, containing a general Description of this Empire, from its first Erection, through a long Series of Princes, with a particular Account of their Wars and Politicks, Laws, Learning, and Religion: Their Plants and Animals, their peculiar Manners and Customs, with other Matters very curious and useful; my chief Design at present being only to relate such Events and Transactions, as happened to the Publick or to myself, during a Residence of about nine Months in that Empire.

One Morning, about a Fortnight after I had obtained my Liberty, *Reldresal*, principal Secretary (as they stile him) of private Affairs, came to my House, attended only by one Servant. He ordered his Coach to wait at a Distance, and desired, I would give him an Hour's Audience; which I readily consented to, on Account of his Quality, and personal Merits, as well as the many good Offices he had done me during my Sollicitations at Court. I offered to lie down, that he might the more conveniently reach

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my Ear; but he choſe rather to let me hold him in my Hand during our Converſation. He began with Compliments on my Liberty; ſaid, he might pretend to ſome Merit in it: But, however, added, that, if it had not been for the preſent Situation of Things at Court, perhaps I might not have obtained it ſo ſoon. For, ſaid he, as flouriſhing a Condition as we may appear to be in to Foreigners, we labour under two mighty Evils; a violent Faction at Home, and the Danger of an Invaſion by a moſt potent Enemy from Abroad. As to the firſt, you are to underſtand, that, for above ſeventy Moons paſt, there have been two ſtruggling Parties in this Empire, under the Names of *Tramecksan* and *Slamecksan* *, from the high and low Heels of their Shoes, by which they diſtinguiſh themſelves. It is alledged indeed, that the high Heels are moſt agreeable to our ancient

* High-church and Low-church, or Whig and Tory. As every *accidental Difference* between Man and Man in Perſon and Circumſtances is by this Work rendered extremely contemptible; ſo *ſpeculative Differences* are ſhewn to be equally ridiculous, when the Zeal with which they are oppoſed and defended too much exceeds their Importance.

ancient Conſtitution; but, however this be, his Majeſty hath determined to make Uſe of only low Heels in the Adminiſtration of the Government, and all Offices in the Gift of the Crown, as you cannot but obſerve; and particularly, that his Majeſty's Imperial Heels are lower at leaſt by a *Drurr* than any of his Court (*Drurr* is a Meaſure about the fourteenth Part of an Inch.) The Animoſities between theſe two Parties run ſo high, that they will neither eat nor drink, nor talk with each other. We compute the *Trameckſan*, or high Heels, to exceed us in Number; but the Power is wholly on our Side. We apprehend his Imperial Highneſs, the Heir to the Crown, to have ſome Tendency towards the high Heels; at leaſt we can plainly diſcover that one of his Heels is higher than the other, which gives him a Hobble in his Gait. Now, in the Midſt of theſe inteſtine Diſquiets, we are threatened with an Invaſion from the Iſland of *Bleſuſcu*, which is the other great Empire of the Univerſe, almoſt as large and powerful as this of his Majeſty. For as to what we heard you affirm, that there

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are other Kingdoms and States in the World, inhabited by human Creatures, as large as yourſelf, our Philoſophers are in much Doubt, and would rather conjecture that you dropped from the Moon, or one of the Stars; becauſe, it is certain, that an hundred Mortals of your Bulk would, in a ſhort Time, deſtroy all the Fruits and Cattle of his Majeſty's Dominions. Beſides, our Hiſtories of ſix thouſand Moons make no mention of any other Regions, than the two great Empires of *Lilliput* and *Bleſuſcu*. Which two mighty Powers have, as I was going to tell you, been engaged in a moſt obſtinate War for ſix and thirty Moons paſt. It began upon the following Occaſion: It is allowed on all Hands, that the primitive Way of breaking Eggs, before we eat them, was upon the larger End; but his preſent Majeſty's Grandfather, while he was a Boy, going to eat an Egg, and breaking it according to the ancient Practice, happened to cut one of his Fingers. Whereupon the Emperor, his Father, publiſhed an Edict, commanding all his Subjects, upon great Penalties, to break the ſmaller End of

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their Eggs. The People ſo highly reſented this Law, that our Hiſtories tell us, there have been ſix Rebellions raiſed on that Account; wherein one Emperor loſt his Life, and another his Crown. Theſe Civil Commotions were conſtantly fomented by the Monarchs of *Blefuſcu*; and when they were quelled, the Exiles always fled for Refuge to that Empire. It is computed that eleven thouſand Perſons have at ſeveral Times ſuffered Death, rather than ſubmit to break their Eggs at the ſmaller End. Many hundred large Volumes have been publiſhed upon this Controverſy; but the Books of the *Big-Endians* have been long forbidden, and the whole Party rendered incapable by Law of holding Employments. During the Courſe of theſe Troubles, the Emperors of *Blefuſcu* did frequently expoſtulate by their Ambaſſadors, accuſing us of making a Schiſm in Religion, by offending againſt a fundamental Doctrine of our great Prophet *Luſtrog*, in the fifty-fourth Chapter of the *Blundecral* (which is their *Alcoran*.) This, however, is thought to be a mere Strain upon the Text; for the Words are theſe: *That all*

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true Believers break their Eggs at the convenient End. And which is the convenient End, ſeems, in my humble Opinion, to be left to every Man's Conſcience, or at leaſt in the Power of the chief Magiſtrate to determine. Now, *Big-Endian* Exiles have found ſo much Credit in the Emperor of *Bleſuſcu*'s Court, and ſo much private Aſſiſtance and Encouragement from their Party here at Home, that a bloody War hath been carried on between the two Empires, for thirty-ſix Moons, with various Succeſs; during which Time we have loſt forty capital Ships, and a much greater Number of ſmaller Veſſels, together with thirty thouſand of our beſt Seamen and Soldiers; and the Damage, received by the Enemy, is reckoned to be ſomewhat greater than ours. However, they have now equipped a numerous Fleet, and are juſt preparing to make a Deſcent upon us; and his Imperial Majeſty, placing great Confidence in your Valour and Strength, hath commanded me to lay this Account of his Affairs before you.

I deſired the Secretary to preſent my humble Duty to the Emperor, and to

let him know, that I thought it would not become me, who was a Foreigner, to interfere with Parties; but I was ready, with the Hazard of my Life, to defend his Perſom and State againſt all Invaders *.

CHAP. V.

The Author, by an extraordinary Stratagem, prevents an Invaſion. A high Title of Honour is conferred upon him. Ambaſſadors arrive from the Emperor of Blefuſcu, *and ſue for Peace. The Empreſs's Apartment on Fire by Accident; the Author inſtrumental in ſaving the reſt of the Palace.*

THE Empire of *Blefuſcu* is an Iſland ſituated on the North-Eaſt Side of *Lilliput*, from whence it is parted only by a Channel of eight hundred Yards

* *Gulliver*, without examining the Subject of Diſpute, readily engaged to defend the Emperor againſt Invaſion; becauſe he knew that no ſuch Monarch had a Right to invade the Dominions of another, for the Propagation of Truth.

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wide. I had not yet ſeen it, and, upon this Notice of an intended Invaſion, I avoided appearing on that Side of the Coaſt, for Fear of being diſcovered by ſome of the Enemy's Ships, who had received no Intelligence of me, all Intercourſe between the two Empires having been ſtrictly forbidden during the War, upon Pain of Death, and an Embargo laid by our Emperor upon all Veſſels whatſoever, I communicated to his Majeſty a Project I had formed of ſeizing the Enemy's whole Fleet: Which, as our Scouts aſſured us, lay at Anchor in the Harbour ready to ſail with the firſt fair Wind. I conſulted the moſt experienced Seamen, upon the Depth of the Channel, which they had often plummed, who told me, that in the Middle, at high Water, it was ſeventy *Glumgluffs* deep, which is about ſix Feet of *European* Meaſure; and the reſt of it fifty *Glumgluffs* at moſt. I walked towards the North-Eaſt Coaſt, over-againſt *Blefuſcu*; where lying down behind a Hillock, I took out my ſmall Perſpective Glaſs, and viewed the Enemy's Fleet at Anchor, conſiſting of about fifty Men of War,

and a great Number of Tranſports : I then came back to my Houſe, and gave Order (for which I had a Warrant) for a great Quantity of the ſtrongeſt Cable and Bars of Iron. The Cable was about as thick as Packthread, and the Bars of the Length and Size of a Knitting-needle. I trebled the Cable to make it ſtronger, and, for the ſame Reaſon, I twiſted three of the Iron Bars together, bending the Extremities into a Hook. Having thus fixed fifty Hooks to as many Cables, I went back to the North-Eaſt Coaſt, and putting off my Coat, Shoes, and Stockings, walked into the Sea, in my leathern Jerkin, about an Hour before high Water. I waded with what Haſte I could, and ſwam in the Middle about thirty Yards, till I felt Ground ; I arrived to the Fleet in leſs than half an Hour. The Enemy was ſo frightened when they ſaw me, that they leaped out of their Ships, and ſwam to Shore, where there could not be fewer than thirty thouſand Souls. I then took my Tackling, and, faſtening a Hook to the Hole at the Prow of each, I tied all the Cords together at the End. While I was thus

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employed, the Enemy discharged several thousand Arrows, many of which stuck in my Hands and Face, and, besides the excessive Smart, gave me much Disturbance in my Work. My greatest Apprehension was for mine Eyes, which I should have infallibly lost, if I had not suddenly thought of an Expedient. I kept among other little Necessaries a Pair of Spectacles in a private Pocket, which, as I observed before, had escaped the Emperor's Searchers. These I took out and fastened as strongly as I could upon my Nose, and, thus armed, went on boldly with my Work in Spight of the Enemy's Arrows, many of which struck against the Glasses of my Spectacles, but without any other Effect, farther than a little to discompose them. I had now fastened all the Hooks, and, taking the Knot in my Hand, began to pull, but not a Ship would stir, for they were all too fast held by their Anchors, so that the boldest Part of my Enterprise remained. I therefore let go the Cord, and leaving the Hooks fixed to the Ships, I resolutely cut with my Knife the Cables that fastened the Anchors, receiving above two hundred Shots in my

Face and Hands; then I took up the knotted End of the Cables to which my Hooks were tied, and with great Eaſe drew fifty of the Enemy's largeſt Men of War after me.

The *Bleſuſcudians*, who had not the leaſt Imagination of what I intended, were at firſt confounded with Aſtoniſhment. They had ſeen me cut the Cables, and thought my Deſign was only to let the Ships run adrift, or fall foul on each other: But when they perceived the whole Fleet moving in Order, and ſaw me pulling at the End, they ſet up ſuch a Scream of Grief and Deſpair, that it is almoſt impoſſible to deſcribe or conceive. When I had got out of Danger, I ſtopt a while to pick out the Arrows that ſtuck in my Hands and Face; and rubbed on ſome of the ſame Ointment that was given me at my firſt Arrival, as I have formerly mentioned. I then took off my Spectacles, and, waiting about an Hour till the Tide was a little fallen, I waded through the Middle with my Cargo, and arrived ſafe at the Royal Port of *Lilliput*.

THE Emperor and his whole Court ſtood on the Shore expecting the Iſſue of

this great Adventure. They ſaw the Ships move forward in a large Half-moon, but could not diſcern me, who was up to my Breaſt in Water. When I advanced to the Middle of the Channel, they were yet in more Pain, becauſe I was under Water to my Neck. The Emperor concluded me to be drowned, and that the Enemy's Fleet was approaching in a hoſtile Manner: But he was ſoon eaſed of his Fears, for, the Channel growing ſhallower every Step I made, I came in a ſhort Time within hearing, and, holding up the End of the Cable by which the Fleet was faſtened, I cried in a loud Voice, *Long live the moſt puiſſant Emperor of* Lilliput! This great Prince received me at my Landing with all poſſible Encomiums, and created me a *Nardac* upon the Spot, which is the higheſt Title of Honour among them.

His Majeſty deſired I would take ſome other Opportunity of bringing all the reſt of his Enemy's Ships into his Ports. And ſo unmeaſurable is the Ambition of Princes, that he ſeemed to think of nothing leſs than reducing the whole Empire of *Blefuſcu* into a Province, and governing it by a Vice-Roy; of de-

ſtroying the *Big-Endian* Exiles, and compelling that People to break the ſmaller End of their Eggs, by which he would remain the ſole Monarch of the whole World. But I endeavoured to divert him from his Deſign, by many Arguments drawn from the Topicks of Policy as well as Juſtice: and I plainly proteſted, that I would never be an Inſtrument of bringing a free and brave People into Slavery. And, when the Matter was debated in Council, the wiſeſt Part of the Miniſtry were of my Opinion.

This open bold Declaration of mine was ſo oppoſite to the Schemes and Politicks of his Imperial Majeſty, that he could never forgive me; he mentioned it in a very artful Manner at Council, where I was told that ſome of the wiſeſt appeared, at leaſt, by their Silence, to be of my Opinion; but others, who were my ſecret Enemies, could not forbear ſome Expreſſions, which by a Sidewind reflected on me. And from this Time began an Intrigue between his Majeſty and a Junto of Miniſters maliciouſly bent againſt me, which broke out in leſs than two Months, and had

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like to have ended in my utter Deſtruction. Of ſo little Weight are the greateſt Services to Princes, when put into the Balance with a Refuſal to gratify their Paſſions.

About three Weeks after this Exploit, there arrived a ſolemn Ambaſſy from *Blefuſcu*, with humble Offers of a Peace; which was ſoon concluded upon Conditions very advantageous to our Emperor, wherewith I ſhall not trouble the Reader. There were ſix Ambaſſadors, with a Train of about five hundred Perſons, and their Entry was very magnificent, ſuitable to the Grandeur of their Maſter, and the Importance of their Buſineſs. When their Treaty was finiſhed, wherein I did them ſeveral good Offices by the Credit I now had, or at leaſt appeared to have at Court, their Excellencies, who were privately told how much I had been their Friend, made me a Viſit in Form. They began with many Compliments upon my Valour and Generoſity, invited me to that Kingdom in the Emperor their Maſter's Name, and deſired me to ſhew them ſome Proofs of my prodigious Strength, of which they had heard ſo many Wonders; wherein I

readily obliged them, but ſhall not trouble the Reader with the Particulars.

When I had for ſome time entertained their Excellencies to their infinite Satisfaction and Surprize, I deſired they would do me the Honour to preſent my moſt humble Reſpects to the Emperor their Maſter, the Renown of whoſe Virtues had ſo juſtly filled the whole World with Admiration, and whoſe Royal Perſon I reſolved to attend before I returned to my own Country: Accordingly, the next Time I had the Honour to ſee our Emperor I deſired his general Licence to wait on the *Blefuſcudian* Monarch, which he was pleaſed to grant me, as I could plainly perceive, in a very cold Manner; but could not gueſs the Reaſon, till I had a Whiſper from a certain Perſon, that *Flimnap* and *Bolgolam* had repreſented my Intercourſe with thoſe Ambaſſadors as a Mark of Diſaffection, from which I am ſure my Heart was wholly free. And this was the firſt Time I began to conceive ſome imperfect Idea of Courts and Miniſters.

It is to be obſerved, that theſe Ambaſſadors ſpoke to me by an Interpreter, the

the Languages of both Empires differing as much from each other as any two in *Europe*, and each Nation priding itſelf upon the Antiquity, Beauty, and Energy of their own Tongues, with an avowed Contempt for that of their Neighbour; yet our Emperor ſtanding upon the Advantage he had got by the Seizure of their Fleet, obliged them to deliver their Credentials, and make their Speech in the *Lilliputian* Tongue. And it muſt be confeſſed, that from the great Intercourſe of Trade and Commerce between both Realms, from the continual Reception of Exiles, which is mutual among them, and from the Cuſtom in each Empire to ſend their young Nobility and richer Gentry to the other, in order to poliſh themſelves by ſeeing the World, and underſtanding Men and Manners; there are few Perſons of Diſtinction, or Merchants, or Seamen, who dwell in the maritime Parts, but what can hold Converſation in both Tongues; as I found ſome Weeks after, when I went to pay my Reſpects to the Emperor of *Bleſuſcu*, which, in the Midſt of great Misfortunes through the Malice of my Enemies,

proved a very happy Adventure to me, as I ſhall relate in its proper Place.

The Reader may remember, that, when I ſigned thoſe Articles upon which I recovered my Liberty, there were ſome which I diſliked upon Account of their being too ſervile, neither could any Thing but an extreme Neceſſity have forced me to ſubmit. But, being now a *Nardac* of the higheſt Rank in that Empire, ſuch Offices were looked upon as below my Dignity, and the Emperor (to do him Juſtice) never once mentioned them to me. However, it was not long before I had an Opportunity of doing his Majeſty, at leaſt, as I then thought, a moſt ſignal Service. I was alarmed at Midnight with the Cries of many hundred People at my Door; by which being ſuddenly awaked, I was in ſome Kind of Terror. I heard the Word *Burglum* repeated inceſſantly: Several of the Emperor's Court, making their Way through the Crowd, intreated me to come immediately to the Palace, where her Imperial Majeſty's Apartment was on Fire, by the Careleſneſs of a Maid of Honour, who fell aſleep while ſhe was reading a Romance. I got up in an Inſtant; and

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Orders being given to clear the Way before me, and it being likewiſe a moonſhine Night, I made a Shift to get to the Palace, without Trampling on any of the People. I found they had already applied Ladders to the Walls of the Apartment, and were well provided with Buckets, but the Water was at ſome Diſtance. Theſe Buckets were about the Size of a large Thimble, and the poor People ſupplied me with them as faſt as they could; but the Flame was ſo violent that they did little Good. I might eaſily have ſtifled it with my Coat, which I unfortunately left behind me for Haſte, and came away only in my leathern Jerkin. The Caſe ſeemed wholly deſperate and deplorable, and this magnificent Palace would have infallibly been burnt down to the Ground, if, by a Preſence of Mind, unuſual to me, I had not ſuddenly thought of an Expedient. I had the Evening before drank plentifully of a moſt delicious Wine called *Glimigrim*, (the *Bleſuſcudians* call it *Flunee*, but ours is eſteemed the better Sort) which is very diuretick. By the luckieſt Chance in the World, I had not diſcharged myſelf of any Part of it. The Heat I had con-

tracted by coming very near the Flames, and by my labouring to quench them, made the Wine begin to operate by Urine; which I voided in such a Quantity, and applied so well to the proper Places, that in three Minutes the Fire was wholly extinguished, and the rest of that noble Pile, which had cost so many Ages in erecting, preserved from Destruction.

It was now Day-light, and I returned to my House, without waiting to congratulate with the Emperor; because, although I had done a very eminent Piece of Service, yet I could not tell how his Majesty might resent the Manner by which I had performed it: For, by the fundamental Laws of the Realm, it is Capital in any Person, of what Quality soever, to make Water within the Precincts of the Palace. But I was a little comforted by a Message from his Majesty, that he would give Orders to the Grand Justiciary for passing my Pardon in Form; which, however, I could not obtain. And I was privately assured, that the Empress, conceiving the greatest Abhorrence of what I had done, removed to the most distant Side of the Court,

firmly resolved that those Buildings should never be repaired for her Use; and, in the Presence of her chief Confidents, could not forbear vowing Revenge.

CHAP. VI.

Of the Inhabitants of Lilliput; *their Learning, Laws, and Customs; the Manner of educating their Children. The Author's Way of Living in that Country. His Vindication of a great Lady.*

ALTHO' I intend to leave the Description of this Empire to a particular Treatise, yet, in the mean Time, I am content to gratify the curious Reader with some general Ideas. As the common Size of the Natives is somewhat under six Inches high, so there is an exact Proportion in all other Animals, as well as Plants and Trees: For Instance, the tallest Horses and Oxen are between four and five Inches in Height, the Sheep an Inch and a half, more or less; their Geese about the Bigness of a Sparrow, and so the several Gradations downwards, till you come to the smallest, which, to

my Sight, were almoſt inviſible; but Nature hath adapted the Eyes of the *Lilliputians* to all Objects proper for their View: They ſee with great Exactneſs, but at no great Diſtance. And, to ſhew the Sharpneſs of their Sight towards Objects that are near, I have been much pleaſed with obſerving a Cook pulling a Lark, which was not ſo large as a common Fly; and a young Girl threading an inviſible Needle with inviſible Silk. Their talleſt Trees are about ſeven Feet high; I mean ſome of thoſe in the great Royal Park, the Tops whereof I could but juſt reach with my Fiſt clinched. The other Vegetables are in the ſame Proportion, but this I leave to the Reader's Imagination.

I ſhall ſay but little at preſent of their Learning, which for many Ages hath flouriſhed in all its Branches among them: But their Manner of Writing is very peculiar, being neither from the Left to the Right, like the *Europeans*; nor from the Right to the Left, like the *Arabians*: nor from up to down, like the *Chineſe*; but aſlant from one Corner of the Paper to the other, like Ladies in *England*.

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They bury their Dead with their Heads directly downwards, becauſe they hold an Opinion, that in eleven thouſand Moons they are all to riſe again, in which Period the Earth (which they conceive to be flat) will turn upſide down, and by this Means they ſhall, at their Reſurrection, be found ready ſtanding on their Feet. The Learned among them confeſs the Abſurdity of this Doctrine, but the Practice ſtill continues, in Compliance to the Vulgar.

There are ſome Laws and Cuſtoms in this Empire very peculiar; and, if they were not ſo directly contrary to thoſe of my own dear Country, I ſhould be tempted to ſay a little in their Juſtification. It is only to be wiſhed they were as well executed. The firſt I ſhall mention, relates to Informers. All Crimes againſt the State are puniſhed here with the utmoſt Severity; but, if the Perſon accuſed maketh his Innocence plainly to appear upon his Trial, the Accuſer is immediately put to an ignominious Death; and, out of his Goods or Lands, the innocent Perſon is quadruply recompenſed for the Loſs of his Time, for the Danger he underwent, for the Hardſhip

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of his Impriſonment, and for all the Charges he has been at in making his Defence. Or, if that Fund be deficient, it is largely ſupplied by the Crown. The Emperor does alſo confer on him ſome publick Mark of his Favour, and Proclamation is made of his Innocence through the whole City.

They look upon Fraud as a greater Crime than Theft, and therefore ſeldom fail to puniſh it with Death; for they alledge, that Care and Vigilance, with a very common Underſtanding, may preſerve a Man's Goods from Thieves, but Honeſty has no Fence againſt ſuperior Cunning; and ſince it is neceſſary that there ſhould be a perpetual Intercourſe of Buying and Selling, and dealing upon Credit, where Fraud is permitted and connived at, or hath no Law to puniſh it, the honeſt Dealer is always undone, and the Knave gets the Advantage. I remember when I was once interceding with the King for a Criminal, who had wronged his Maſter of a great Sum of Money which he had received by Order, and ran away with; and happening to tell his Majeſty, by way of Extenuation, that it was only a Breach of

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Truſt; the Emperor thought it monſtrous in me to offer, as a Defence, the greateſt Aggravation of the Crime: And truly, I had little to ſay in Return, farther than the common Anſwer, that different Nations had different Cuſtoms; for, I confeſs, I was heartily aſhamed*.

Although we uſually call Reward and Puniſhment the two Hinges upon which all Government turns, yet I could never obſerve this Maxim to be put in Practice by any Nation except that of *Lilliput*. Whoever can there bring ſufficient Proof that he has ſtrictly obſerved the Laws of his Country, for ſeventy-three Moons, hath a Claim to certain Privileges, according to his Quality and Condition of Life, with a proportionable Sum of Money out of a Fund appropriated for that Uſe: He likewiſe acquires the Title of *Snilpall*, or *Legal*, which is added to his Name, but does not deſcend to Poſterity. And theſe People thought it a prodigious Defect of Policy among us, when I told them that our Laws were enforced only by Penalties, without any Mention

* An Act of Parliament hath been ſince paſſed, by which ſome Breaches of Truſt have been made capital.

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of Reward. It is upon this Account that the Image of Juſtice, in their Courts of Judicature, is formed with ſix Eyes, two before, as many behind, and on each Side one, to ſignify Circumſpection; with a Bag of Gold open in her Right-hand, and a Sword ſheathed in her Left, to ſhew ſhe is more diſpoſed to reward than to puniſh.

In chuſing Perſons for all Employments, they have more regard to good Morals than to great Abilities; for, ſince Government is neceſſary to Mankind, they believe that the common Size of human Underſtandings is fitted to ſome Station or other, and that Providence never intended to make the Management of publick Affairs a Myſtery, to be comprehended only by a few Perſon of ſublime Genius, of which there ſeldom are three born in an Age: But they ſuppoſe Truth, Juſtice, Temperance, and the like, to be in every Man's Power, the Practice of which Virtues, aſſiſted by Experience, and a good Intention, would qualify any Man for the Service of his Country, except where a Courſe of Study is required. But they thought the Want of moral Virtues was

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ſo far from being ſupplied by ſuperior Endowments of the Mind, that Employments could never be put into ſuch dangerous Hands as thoſe of Perſons ſo qualified; and at leaſt, that the Miſtakes, committed by Ignorance in a virtuous Diſpoſition, would never be of ſuch fatal Conſequence to the publick Weal, as the Practices of a Man whoſe Inclinations led him to be corrupt, and had great Abilities to manage, to multiply, and defend his Corruptions.

In like Manner, the Diſbelief of a Divine Providence renders a Man uncapable of holding any publick Station; for, ſince Kings avow themſelves to be the Deputies of Providence, the *Lilliputians* think nothing can be more abſurd than for a Prince to employ ſuch Men as diſown the Authority under which they act.

In relating theſe and the following Laws, I would only be underſtood to mean the original Inſtitutions, and not the moſt ſcandalous Corruptions into which theſe People are fallen by the degenerate Nature of Man. For as to that infamous Practice of acquiring great Employments by dancing on the Ropes,

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or Badges of Favour and Distinction, by leaping over Sticks, and creeping under them, the Reader is to observe, that they were first introduced by the Grandfather of the Emperor now reigning, and grew to the present Height, by the gradual Increase of Party and Faction.

Ingratitude is among them a capital Crime, as we read it to have been in some other Countries; for they reason thus, that whoever makes ill Returns to his Benefactor, must needs be a common Enemy to the rest of Mankind, from whom he hath received no Obligation, and therefore such a Man is not fit to live.

Their Notions relating to the Duties of Parents and Children differ extremely from ours. For, since the Conjunction of Male and Female is founded upon the great Law of Nature, in order to propagate and continue the Species, the *Lilliputians* will needs have it, that Men and Women are joined together like other Animals, by the Motives of Concupiscence, and that their Tenderness towards their Young proceeds from the like natural Principle: For which Reason they will never allow, that a Child

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is under any Obligation to his Father for begetting him, or to his Mother for bringing him into the World, which, conſidering the Miſeries of human Life, was neither a Benefit in itſelf, or intended ſo by his Parents, whoſe Thoughts in their Love Encounters were otherwiſe employed. Upon theſe, and the like Reaſonings, their Opinion is, that Parents are the laſt of all others to be truſted with the Education of their own Children and therefore they have in every Town publick Nurſeries, where all Parents, except Cottagers and Labourers, are obliged to ſend their Infants of both Sexes to be reared and educated when they come to the Age of twenty Moons, at which Time they are ſuppoſed to have ſome Rudiments of Docility. The Schools are of ſeveral Kinds, ſuited to different Qualities, and to both Sexes. They have certain Profeſſors well ſkilled in preparing Children for ſuch a Condition of Life as befits the Rank of their Parents, and their own Capacities as well as Inclinations. I ſhall firſt ſay ſomething of the Male Nurſeries, and then of the Female.

The Nurſeries for Males of noble or eminent

eminent Birth, are provided with grave and learned Profeſſors, and their ſeveral Deputies. The Cloaths and Food of the Children are plain and ſimple. They are bred up in the Principles of Honour, Juſtice, Courage, Modeſty, Clemency, Religion, and Love to their Country; they are always employed in ſome Buſineſs, except in the Times of eating and ſleeping, which are very ſhort, and two Hours for Diverſions, conſiſting of bodily Exerciſes. They are dreſſed by Men till four Years of Age, and then are obliged to dreſs themſelves, although their Quality be ever ſo great; and the Women Attendants who are aged proportionably to ours at fifty, perform only the moſt menial Offices. They are never ſuffered to converſe with Servants, but go together in ſmaller and greater Numbers to take their Diverſions, and always in the Preſence of a Profeſſor, or one of his Deputies, whereby they avoid thoſe early bad Impreſſions of Folly and Vice, to which our Children are ſubject. Their Parents are ſuffered to ſee them only twice a Year; the Viſit is to laſt but an Hour. They are allowed to kiſs the Child at Meeting and Parting; but a

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Profeſſor, who always ſtands by on thoſe Occaſions, will not ſuffer them to whiſper or uſe any fondling Expreſſions, or bring any Preſents of Toys, Sweet-meats, and the like.

The Penſion from each Family for the Education and Entertainment of a Child, upon Failure of due Payment, is levied by the Emperor's Officers.

The Nurſeries for Children of ordinary Gentlemen, Merchants, Traders, and Handicrafts, are managed proportionably after the ſame Manner; only thoſe, deſigned for Trades, are put out Apprentices at eleven Years old, whereas thoſe of Perſons of Quality continue in their Exerciſes till fifteen, which anſwers to twenty-one with us: But the Confinement is gradually leſſened for the laſt three Years.

In the female Nurſeries, the young Girls of Quality are educated much like the Males, only they are dreſſed by orderly Servants of their own Sex; but always in the Preſence of a Profeſſor or Deputy, till they come to dreſs themſelves, which is at five Years old. And if it be found that theſe Nurſes ever preſume to entertain the Girls with frightful

or fooliſh Stories, or the common Follies practiſed by Chamber-maids among us, they are publickly whipped thrice about the City, impriſoned for a Year, and baniſhed for Life to the moſt deſolate Part of the Country. Thus the young Ladies there are as much aſhamed of being Cowards and Fools, as the Men, and deſpiſe all perſonal Ornaments beyond Decency and Cleanlineſs: Neither did I perceive any Difference in their Education, made by their Difference of Sex, only that the Exerciſes of the Females were not altogether ſo robuſt; and that ſome Rules were given them relating to domeſtick Life, and a ſmaller Compaſs of Learning was enjoined them: For their Maxim is, that, among People of Quality, a Wife ſhould be always a reaſonable and agreeable Companion, becauſe ſhe cannot always be young. When the Girls are twelve Years old, which among them is the marriageable Age, their Parents or Guardians take them Home, with great Expreſſions of Gratitude to the Profeſſors, and ſeldom without Tears of the young Lady and her Companions.

In the Nurſeries of Females of the meaner

meaner Sort, the Children are inſtructed in all Kinds of Works proper for their Sex, and their ſeveral Degrees: Thoſe, intended for Apprentices, are diſmiſſed at ſeven Years old, the reſt are kept to eleven.

The meaner Families who have Children at theſe Nurſeries, are obliged, beſides their annual Penſion, which is as low as poſſible, to return to the Steward of the Nurſery a ſmall monthly Share of their Gettings to be a Portion for the Child; and therefore all Parents are limited to their Expences by the Law. For the *Lilliputians* think nothing can be more unjuſt, than for People, in Subſervience to their own Appetites, to bring Children into the World, and leave the Burthen of Supporting them on the Publick. As to Perſons of Quality, they give Security to appropriate a certain Sum for each Child, ſuitable to their Condition; and theſe Funds are always managed with good Huſbandry, and the moſt exact Juſtice.

The Cottagers and Labourers keep their Children at Home, their Buſineſs being only to till and cultivate the Earth, and therefore their Education is of little

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Conſequence to the Publick: But the Old and Diſeaſed among them are ſupported by Hoſpitals: For, Begging is a Trade unknown in that Empire.

And here it may, perhaps, divert the curious Reader, to give ſome Account of my Domeſtick, and my Manner of Living in this Country, during a Reſidence of nine Months and thirteen Days. Having a Head mechanically turned, and being likewiſe forced by Neceſſity, I had made for myſelf a Table and Chair convenient enough, out of the largeſt Trees in the Royal Park. Two hundred Sempſtreſſes were employed to make me Shirts, and Linnen for Bed and Table, all of the ſtrongeſt and coarſeſt Kind they could get; which, however, they were forced to quilt together in ſeveral Folds, for the thickeſt was ſome Degrees finer than Lawn. Their Linnen is uſually three Inches wide, and three Feet make a Piece. The Sempſtreſſes took my Meaſure as I lay on the Ground, one ſtanding at my Neck, and another at my Mid-leg, with a ſtrong Cord extended, that each held by the End, while the third meaſured the Length of the Cord with a Rule of an Inch long.

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Then they measured my right Thumb, and desired no more; for by a mathematical Computation, that twice round the Thumb is once round the Wrist, and so on to the Neck and the Waist; and by the Help of my old Shirt, which I displayed on the Ground before them for a Pattern, they fitted me exactly. Three hundred Taylors were employed in the same Manner to make me Cloaths; but they had another Contrivance for taking my Measure. I kneeled down, and they raised a Ladder from the Ground to my Neck; upon this Ladder one of them mounted, and let fall a Plum-Line from my Collar to the Floor, which just answered the Length of my Coat; but my Waist and Arms I measured myself. When my Cloaths were finished, which was done in my House (for the largest of theirs would not have been able to hold them) they looked like the Patch-work made by the Ladies in *England*, only that mine were all of a Colour.

I had three hundred Cooks to dress my Victuals, in little convenient Huts built about my House, where they and their Families lived, and prepared me two Dishes a-piece. I took up twenty

Waiters in my Hand, and placed them on the Table; an hundred more attended below on the Ground, ſome with Diſhes of Meat, and ſome with Barrels of Wine, and other Liquors, ſlung on their Shoulders; all which the Waiters above drew up as I wanted, in a very ingenious Manner, by certain Cords, as we draw the Bucket up a Well in *Europe*. A Diſh of their Meat was a good Mouthful, and a Barrel of their Liquor a reaſonable Draught. Their Mutton yields to ours, but their Beef is excellent. I have had a Surloin ſo large, that I have been forced to make three Bits of it; but this is rare. My Servants were aſtoniſhed to ſee me eat it, Bones and all, as in our Country we do the Leg of a Lark. Their Geeſe and Turkies I uſually eat at a Mouthful; and, I muſt confeſs, they far exceed ours. Of their ſmaller Fowl, I could take up twenty or thirty at the End of my Knife.

One Day his Imperial Majeſty, being informed of my Way of Living, deſired that himſelf and his Royal Conſort, with the young Princes of the Blood of both Sexes, might have the Happineſs (as he was pleaſed to call it) of dining with me.

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They came accordingly, and I placed them upon Chairs of State on my Table, juſt over againſt me, with their Guards about them. *Flimnap*, the Lord High-Treaſurer, attended there likewiſe, with his white Staff; and I obſerved he often looked on me with a ſour Countenance, which I would not ſeem to regard, but eat more than uſual, in Honour to my dear Country, as well as to fill the Court with Admiration. I have ſome private Reaſons to believe, that this Viſit from his Majeſty gave *Flimnap* an Opportunity of doing me ill Offices to his Maſter. That Miniſter had always been my ſecret Enemy, though he outwardly careſſed me more than was uſual to the Moroſeneſs of his Nature. He repreſented to the Emperor the low Condition of his Treaſury; that he was forced to take up Money at great Diſcount; that Exchequer Bills would not circulate under nine *per Cent.* below Par; that in ſhort, I had coſt his Majeſty above a Million and a Half of *Sprugs* (their greateſt Gold Coin, about the Bigneſs of a Spangle) and upon the Whole, that it would be adviſeable in the Emperor to take the firſt fair Occaſion of diſmiſſing me.

I am here obliged to vindicate the Reputation of an excellent Lady, who was an innocent Sufferer upon my Account. The Treaſurer took a Fancy to be jealous of his Wife, from the Malice of ſome evil Tongues, who informed him, that her Grace had taken a violent Affection for my Perſon; and the Court-ſcandal ran for ſome Time, that ſhe once came privately to my Lodging. This I ſolemnly declare to be a moſt infamous Falſhood, without any Grounds, farther than that her Grace was pleaſed to treat me with all innocent Marks of Freedom and Friendſhip. I own ſhe came often to my Houſe, but always publickly, nor ever without three more in the Coach, who were uſually her Siſter and young Daughter, and ſome particular Acquaintance; but this was common to many other Ladies of the Court. And I ſtill appeal to my Servants round, whether they at any Time ſaw a Coach at my Door, without knowing what Perſons were in it. On thoſe Occaſions, when a Servant had given me Notice, my Cuſtom was to go immediately to the Door; and, after paying my Reſpects, to take up the Coach and two

Horſes

Horſes very carefully in my Hands (for, if there were ſix Horſes, the Poſtillion always unharneſſed four) and placed them on a Table, where I had fixed a moveable Rim quite round, of five Inches high, to prevent Accidents. And I have often had four Coaches and Horſes at once on my Table full of Company, while I ſat in my Chair, leaning my Face towards them; and, when I was engaged with one Set, the Coachmen would gently drive the others round my Table. I have paſſed many an Afternoon very agreeably in theſe Converſations. But I defy the Treaſurer, or his two Informers (I will name them, and let them make their beſt of it) *Cluſtril* and *Drunlo*, to prove that any Perſon ever came to me *incognito*, except the Secretary *Reldreſal*, who was ſent by expreſs Command of his Imperial Majeſty, as I have before related. I ſhould not have dwelt ſo long upon this Particular, if it had not been a Point wherein the Reputation of a great Lady is ſo nearly concerned, to ſay nothing of my own; though I then had the Honour to be a *Nardac*, which the Treaſurer himſelf is not; for all the World knows that he is

only a *Glumlum*, a Title inferior by one Degree, as that of a Marqueſs is to a Duke in *England*, although I allow he preceded me in Right of his Poſt. Theſe falſe Informations, which I afterwards came to the Knowledge of, by an Accident not proper to mention, made *Flimnap*, the Treaſurer, ſhew his Lady, for ſome Time, an ill Countenance, and me a worſe; and although he were at laſt undeceived and reconciled to her, yet I loſt all Credit with him, and found my Intereſt decline very faſt with the Emperor himſelf, who was, indeed, too much governed by that Favourite.

CHAP. VII.

The Author, being informed of a Deſign to accuſe him of High-Treaſon, makes his Eſcape to Blefuſcu. *His Reception there.*

BEFORE I proceed to give an Account of my leaving this Kingdom, it may be proper to inform the Reader of a private Intrigue which had been for two Months forming againſt me.

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I had been hitherto all my Life a Stranger to Courts, for which I was unqualified by the Meanneſs of my Condition. I had, indeed, heard and read enough of the Diſpoſitions of great Princes and Miniſters; but never expected to have found ſuch terrible Effects of them in ſo remote a Country, governed, as I thought, by very different Maxims from thoſe in *Europe*.

When I was juſt preparing to pay my Attendance on the Emperor of *Bleſuſcu*, a conſiderable Perſon at Court (to whom I had been very ſerviceable, at a Time when he lay under the higheſt Diſpleaſure of his Imperial Majeſty) came to my Houſe very privately at Night in a cloſe Chair, and, without ſending his Name, deſired Admittance: The Chairmen were diſmiſſed; I put the Chair, with his Lordſhip in it, into my Coat-Pocket; and, giving Orders to a truſty Servant to ſay I was indiſpoſed and gone to Sleep, I faſtened the Door of my Houſe, placed the Chair on the Table, according to my uſual Cuſtom, and ſat down by it. After the common Salutations were over, obſerving his Lordſhip's Countenance full of Concern, and enquiring

quiring into the Reaſon, he deſired I would hear him with Patience, in a Matter that highly concerned my Honour and my Life. His Speech was to the following Effect, for I took Notes of it as ſoon as he left me.

You are to know, ſaid he, that ſeveral Committees of Council have been lately called in the moſt private Manner on your Account; and it is but two Days ſince his Majeſty came to a full Reſolution.

You are very ſenſible that *Skyreſh Bolgolam* (*Galbet*, or High Admiral) hath been your mortal Enemy almoſt ever ſince your Arrival: His original Reaſons I know not; but his Hatred is encreaſed ſince your great Succeſs againſt *Blefuſcu*, by which his Glory, as Admiral, is much obſcured. This Lord, in Conjunction with *Flimnap*, the High-Treaſurer, whoſe Enmity againſt you is notorious on Account of his Lady, *Limtoc* the General, *Lalcon* the Chamberlain, and *Balmuff* the grand Juſticiary, have prepared Articles of Impeachment againſt you, for Treaſon, and other capital Crimes.

This Preface made me ſo impatient, being

being conſcious of my own Merits and Innocence, that I was going to interrupt: When he entreated me to be ſilent, and thus proceeded:

Out of Gratitude for the Favours you have done me, I procured Information of the whole Proceedings, and a Copy of the Articles, wherein I venture my Head for your Service.

Articles of Impeachment againſt Quinbus Fleſtrin *(the* Man-Mountain.)

ARTICLE I.

WHereas, by a Statute made in the Reign of his Imperial Majeſty *Calin Deffar Plune*, it is enacted, That whoever ſhall make Water within the Precincts of the Royal Palace, ſhall be liable to the Pains and Penalties of High-Treaſon: Notwithſtanding, the ſaid *Quinbus Fleſtrin*, in open Breach of the ſaid Law, under Colour of extinguiſhing the Fire kindled in the Apartment of his Majeſty's moſt dear Imperial Conſort, did maliciouſly, traiterouſly, and deviliſhly, by Diſcharge of his Urine, put out the ſaid Fire kindled in the ſaid Apartment, lying and being within the Precincts of

the said Royal Palace, against the Statute in that Case provided, &c. against the Duty, &c.

ARTICLE II.

That the said *Quinbus Flestrin* having brought the Imperial Fleet of *Blefuscu* into the Royal Port, and being afterwards commanded by his Imperial Majesty to seize all the other Ships of the said Empire of *Blefuscu*, and reduce that Empire to a Province, to be governed by a Vice Roy from hence, and to destroy and put to Death not only all the *Big-Endian Exiles*, but likewise all the People of that Empire, who would not immediately forsake the *Big-Endian* Heresy: He the said *Flestrin*, like a false Traitor against his most Auspicious, Serene, Imperial Majesty, did petition to be excused from the said Service, upon Pretence of Unwillingness to force the Consciences, or destroy the Liberties and Lives of innocent People *.

* A Lawyer thinks himself honest if he does the best he can for his Client; and a Statesman if he promotes the Interest of his Country, but the Dean here inculcates an higher Notion of Right and Wrong, and Obligations to a larger Community.

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ARTICLE III.

That, whereas certain Ambaſſadors arrived from the Court of *Bleſuſcu*, to ſue for Peace in his Majeſty's Court: He the ſaid *Fleſtrin* did, like a falſe Traitor, aid, abet, comfort, and divert the ſaid Ambaſſadors, although he knew them to be Servants to a Prince who was lately an open Enemy to his Imperial Majeſty, and in open War againſt his ſaid Majeſty.

ARTICLE IV.

That the ſaid *Quinbus Fleſtrin*, contrary to the Duty of a faithful Subject, is now preparing to make a Voyage to the Court and Empire of *Bleſuſcu*, for which he has received only verbal Licence from his Imperial Majeſty; and under Colour of the ſaid Licence doth falſly and traiterouſly intend to take the ſaid Voyage, and thereby to aid, comfort, and abet the Emperor of *Bleſuſcu*, ſo late an Enemy, and in open War with his Imperial Majeſty aforeſaid.

There are ſome other Articles, but theſe are the moſt important, of which I have read you an Abſtract.

In the ſeveral Debates upon this Impeachment, it muſt be confeſſed that his Majeſty gave many Marks of his great Lenity, often urging the Services you had done him, and endeavouring to extenuate your Crimes. The Treaſurer and Admiral inſiſted that you ſhould be put to the moſt painful and ignominious Death, by ſetting Fire on your Houſe at Night, and the General was to attend with twenty thouſand Men armed with poiſoned Arrows, to ſhoot you on the Face and Hands. Some of your Servants were to have private Orders to ſtrew a poiſonous Juice on your Shirts and Sheets, which would ſoon make you tear your own Fleſh, and die in the utmoſt Torture. The General came into the ſame Opinion; ſo that for a long Time there was a Majority againſt you: But his Majeſty reſolving, if poſſible, to ſpare your Life, at laſt brought off the Chamberlain.

Upon this Incident, *Reldreſal*, Principal Secretary for private Affairs, who always approved himſelf your true Friend, was commanded by the Emperor to deliver his Opinion, which he accordingly did: And therein juſtified the good

Thoughts

Thoughts you have of him. He allowed your Crimes to be great, but that ſtill there was Room for Mercy, the moſt commendable Virtue in a Prince, and for which his Majeſty was ſo juſtly celebrated. He ſaid, the Friendſhip between you and him was ſo well known to the World, that perhaps the moſt honourable Board might think him partial: However, in Obedience to the Command he had received, he would freely offer his Sentiments. That if his Majeſty, in Conſideration of your Services, and purſuant to his own merciful Diſpoſition, would pleaſe to ſpare your Life, and only give Order to put out both your Eyes, he humbly conceived, that, by this Expedient, Juſtice might in ſome Meaſure be ſatisfied, and all the World would applaud the Lenity of the Emperor, as well as the fair and generous Proceedings of thoſe who have the Honour to be his Counſellors. That the Loſs of your Eyes would be no Impediment to your bodily Strength, by which you might ſtill be uſeful to his Majeſty. That Blindneſs is an Addition to Courage, by concealing Dangers from us; that the Fear you had for your Eyes, was the greateſt

greateſt Difficulty in bringing over the Enemy's Fleet, and it would be ſufficient for you to ſee by the Eyes of the Miniſters, ſince the greateſt Princes do no more.

This Propoſal was received with the utmoſt Diſapprobation by the whole Board. *Bolgolam*, the Admiral, could not preſerve his Temper; but, riſing up in a Fury, ſaid, he wondered how the Secretary durſt preſume to give his Opinion for preſerving the Life of a Traitor: That the Services you had performed were, by all true Reaſons of State, the great Aggravation of your Crimes; that you, who were able to extinguiſh the Fire, by Diſcharge of Urine in her Majeſty's Apartment (which he mentioned with Horror) might, at another Time, raiſe an Inundation by the ſame Means to drown the whole Palace; and the ſame Strength, which enabled you to bring over the Enemy's Fleet, might ſerve, upon the firſt Diſcontent, to carry it back: That he had good Reaſons to think you were a *Big-Endian* in your Heart; and as Treaſon begins in the Heart, before it appears in Overt-acts, ſo he accuſed you as a Traitor on that

Account,

Account, and therefore inſiſted you ſhould be put to Death.

The Treaſurer was of the ſame Opinion; he ſhewed to what Streights his Majeſty's Revenue was reduced by the Charge of maintaining you, which would ſoon grow inſupportable: That the Secretary's Expedient of putting out your Eyes was ſo far from being a Remedy againſt this Evil, it would probably increaſe it, as it is manifeſt from the blinding ſome Kind of Fowl, after which, they fed the faſter, and grew ſooner fat: That his ſacred Majeſty, and the Council, who are your Judges, were in their own Conſciences fully convinced of your Guilt, which was a ſufficient Argument to condemn you to Death, without the formal Proofs required by the ſtrict Letter of the Law *.

But his Imperial Majeſty, fully determined againſt capital Puniſhment, was graciouſly pleaſed, to ſay, That, ſince the

* There is ſomething ſo odious in whatever is wrong, that even thoſe whom it does not ſubject to Puniſhment, endeavour to colour it with an Appearance of right; but the Attempt is always unſucceſsful, and only betrays a Conſciouſneſs of Deformity, by ſhewing a Deſire to hide it. Thus the

the Council thought the Loſs of your Eyes too eaſy a Cenſure, ſome other may be inflicted hereafter. And your Friend, the Secretary, humbly deſiring to be heard again, in Anſwer to what the Treaſurer had objected concerning the great Charge his Majeſty was at in maintaining you, ſaid, that his Excellency, who had the ſole Diſpoſal of the Emperor's Revenue, might eaſily provide againſt that Evil, by gradually leſſening your Eſtabliſhment; by which, for Want of ſufficient Food, you would grow weak and faint, and loſe your Appetite, and conſume in a few Months; neither would the Stench of your Carcaſs be then ſo dangerous, when it ſhould become more than half diminiſhed; and, immediately upon your Death, five or ſix thouſand of his Majeſty's Subjects might, in two or three Days, cut your Fleſh from your Bones, take it away by Cart-loads, and bury it in diſtant Parts

the *Lilliputian* Court pretended a Right to diſpenſe with the ſtrict Letter of the Law to put *Gulliver* to Death, though by the ſtrict Letter of the Law only he could be convicted of a Crime; the Intention of the Statute not being to ſuffer the Palace rather to be burnt than piſſed upon.

to prevent Infection, leaving the Skeleton as a Monument of Admiration to Posterity.

Thus, by the great Friendship of the Secretary, the whole Affair was compromised. It was strictly enjoined, that the Project of starving you, by Degrees, should be kept a Secret, but the Sentence of putting out your Eyes was entered on the Books; none dissenting except *Bolgolam*, the Admiral, who, being a Creature of the Empress, was perpetually instigated by her Majesty to insist upon your Death, she having borne perpetual Malice against you, on Account of that infamous and illegal Method you took to extinguish the Fire in her Apartment.

In three Days, your Friend, the Secretary, will be directed to come to your House, and read before you the Articles of Impeachment; and then to signify the great Lenity and Favour of his Majesty and Council, whereby you are only condemned to the Loss of your Eyes, which his Majesty doth not question you will gratefully and humbly submit to; and twenty of his Majesty's Surgeons will attend, in order to see the Operation

tion well performed, by discharging very sharp-pointed Arrows into the Balls of your Eyes, as you lie on the Ground.

I leave to your Prudence what Measures you will take; and, to avoid Suspicion, I must immediately return in as private Manner as I came.

His Lordship did so, and I remained alone, under many Doubts and Perplexities of Mind.

It was a Custom introduced by this Prince and his Ministry (very different, as I have been assured, from the Practices of former Times) that after the Court had decreed any cruel Execution, either to gratify the Monarch's Resentment, or the Malice of a Favourite, the Emperor always made a Speech to his whole Council, expressing his great Lenity and Tenderness, as Qualities known and confessed by all the World. This Speech was immediately published thro' the Kingdom; nor did any Thing terrify the People so much as those Encomiums on his Majesty's Mercy; because it was observed, that, the more these Praises were enlarged and insisted on, the more inhuman was the Punishment, and the Sufferer more innocent. And as to my-

self

ſelf I muſt confeſs, having never been deſigned for a Courtier either by my Birth or Education, I was ſo ill a Judge of Things, that I could not diſcover the Lenity and Favour of this Sentence, but conceived it (perhaps erroneouſly) rather to be rigorous than gentle. I ſometimes thought of ſtanding my Trial; for, although I could not deny the Facts alledged in the ſeveral Articles, yet I hoped they would admit of ſome Extenuation. But having in my Life peruſed many State-Trials, which I ever obſerved to terminate as the Judges thought fit to direct, I durſt not rely on ſo dangerous a Deciſion, in ſo critical a Juncture, and againſt ſuch powerful Enemies. Once I was ſtrongly bent upon Reſiſtance, for, while I had Liberty, the whole Strength of that Empire could hardly ſubdue me, and I might eaſily with Stones pelt the Metropolis to Pieces; but I ſoon rejected that Project with Horror, by remembring the Oath I had made to the Emperor, the Favours I received from him, and the high Title of *Nardac* he conferred upon me. Neither had I ſo ſoon learned the Gratitude of Courtiers, to perſuade myſelf, that his Majeſty's preſent

ſent Severities acquitted me of all paſt Obligations.

At laſt I fixed upon a Reſolution, for which it is probable I may incur ſome Cenſure, and not unjuſtly; for I confeſs I owe the preſerving mine Eyes, and conſequently my Liberty, to my own great Raſhneſs, and Want of Experience; becauſe, if I had then known the Nature of Princes and Miniſters, which I have ſince obſerved in many other Courts, and their Methods of treating Criminals leſs obnoxious than myſelf, I ſhould with great Alacrity and Readineſs have ſubmitted to ſo eaſy a Puniſhment. But hurried on by the Precipitancy of Youth, and having his Imperial Majeſty's Licence to pay my Attendance upon the Emperor of *Bleſuſcu*, I took this Opportunity, before the three Days were elapſed, to ſend a Letter to my Friend the Secretary, ſignifying my Reſolution of ſetting out that Morning for *Bleſuſcu*, purſuant to the Leave I had got; and, without waiting for an Anſwer, I went to that Side of the Iſland where our Fleet lay. I ſeized a large Man of War, tied a Cable to the Prow, and, lifting up the Anchors, I ſtript myſelf,

ſelf, put my Cloaths (together with my Coverlet, which I brought under my Arm) into the Veſſel, and drawing it after me, between Wading and Swimming, arrived at the Royal Port of *Bleſcu*, where the People had long expected me; they lent me two Guides to direct me to the capital City, which is of the ſame Name. I held them in my Hands till I came within two hundred Yards of the Gate, and deſired them to ſignify my Arrival to one of the Secretaries, and let him know, I there waited his Majeſty's Command. I had an Anſwer in about an Hour, that his Majeſty, attended by the Royal Family, and great Officers of the Court, was coming out to receive me. I advanced a hundred Yards. The Emperor, and his Train, alighted from their Horſes, the Empreſs and Ladies from their Coaches, and I did not perceive they were in any Fright or Concern. I lay on the Ground to kiſs his Majeſty's and the Empreſs's Hand. I told his Majeſty that I was come according to my Promiſe, and with the Licence of the Emperor my Maſter, to have the Honour of ſeeing ſo mighty a Monarch, and to offer him any Service

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in my Power, consistent with my Duty to my own Prince; not mentioning a Word of my Disgrace, because I had hitherto no regular Information of it, and might suppose myself wholly ignorant of any such Design; neither could I reasonably conceive that the Emperor would discover the Secret, while I was out of his Power; wherein, however, it soon appeared I was deceived.

I shall not trouble the Reader with the particular Account of my Reception at this Court, which was suitable to the Generosity of so great a Prince; nor of the Difficulties I was in for want of a House and Bed, being forced to lie on the Ground, wrapt up in my Coverlet.

CHAP. VIII.

The Author, by a lucky Accident, finds Means to leave Blefuscu; *and, after some Difficulties, returns safe to his native Country.*

THREE Days after my Arrival, walking out of Curiosity to the North-East Coast of the Island, I observed,

ſerved, about half a League off, in the Sea, ſomewhat that looked like a Boat overturned. I pulled off my Shoes and Stockings, and, wading two or three hundred Yards, I found the Object to approach nearer by Force of the Tide; and then plainly ſaw it to be a real Boat, which I ſuppoſed might, by ſome Tempeſt, have been driven from a Ship: Whereupon I returned immediately towards the City, and deſired his Imperial Majeſty to lend me twenty of the talleſt Veſſels he had left after the Loſs of his Fleet, and three thouſand Seamen, under the Command of the Vice-Admiral. This Fleet ſailed round, while I went back the ſhorteſt Way to the Coaſt, where I firſt diſcovered the Boat; I found the Tide had driven it ſtill nearer. The Seamen were all provided with Cordage, which I had beforehand twiſted to a ſufficient Strength. When the Ships came up, I ſtript myſelf, and waded till I came within an hundred Yards of the Boat, after which I was forced to ſwim till I got up to it. The Seamen threw me the End of the Cord, which I faſtened to a Hole in the Fore-part of the Boat, and the other End to a Man of War:

War: But I found all my Labour to little Purpoſe; for, being out of my Depth, I was not able to work. In this Neceſſity, I was forced to ſwim behind, and puſh the Boat forwards as often as I could, with one of my Hands; and, the Tide favouring me, I advanced ſo far, that I could juſt hold up my Chin, and feel the Ground. I reſted two or three Minutes, and then gave the Boat another Shove, and ſo on, till the Sea was no higher than my Arm-pits; and now, the moſt laborious Part being over, I took out my other Cables, which were ſtowed in one of the Ships, and faſtened them firſt to the Boat, and then to nine of the Veſſels which attended me; the Wind being favourable, the Seamen towed, and I ſhoved till we arrived within forty Yards of the Shore, and, waiting till the Tide was out, I got dry to the Boat, and by the Aſſiſtance of two thouſand Men, with Ropes and Engines, I made a Shift to turn it on its Bottom, and found it was but little damaged.

I ſhall not trouble the Reader with the Difficulties I was under by the Help of certain Paddles, which coſt me ten Days making

making, to get my Boat to the Royal Port of *Blefuſcu*, where a mighty Concourſe of People appeared upon my Arrival, full of Wonder at the Sight of ſo prodigious a Veſſel. I told the Emperor, that my good Fortune had thrown this Boat in my Way, to carry me to ſome Place, from whence I might return into my native Country, and begged his Majeſty's Orders for getting Materials to fit it up, together with his Licence to depart, which, after ſome kind Expoſtulations, he was pleaſed to grant.

I did very much wonder, in all this Time, not to have heard of any Expreſs relating to me, from our Emperor, to the Court of *Blefuſcu*. But I was afterwards given privately to underſtand, that his Imperial Majeſty, never imagining I had the leaſt Notice of his Deſigns, believed I was only gone to *Blefuſcu*, in Performance of my Promiſe, according to the Licence he had given me, which was well known at our Court, and would return in a few Days when the Ceremony was ended. But he was at laſt in Pain at my long Abſence; and, after conſulting with the Treaſurer, and the reſt of that Cabal, a Perſon of Quality was

diſpatched with the Copy of the Articles againſt me. This Envoy had Inſtructions to repreſent to the Monarch of *Blefuſcu* the great Lenity of his Maſter, who was content to puniſh me no farther than with the Loſs of mine Eyes; that I had fled from Juſtice, and, if I did not return in two Hours, I ſhould be deprived of my Title of *Nardac*, and declared a Traitor. The Envoy further added, that, in order to maintain the Peace and Amity between both Empires, his Maſter expected, that his Brother of *Blefuſcu* would give Orders to have me ſent back to *Lilliput*, bound Hand and Foot, to be puniſhed as a Traitor.

The Emperor of *Blefuſcu*, having taken three Days to conſult, returned an Anſwer, conſiſting of many Civilities and Excuſes. He ſaid, that, as for ſending me bound, his Brother knew it was impoſſible; that although I had deprived him of his Fleet, yet he owed great Obligations to me for many good Offices I had done him in making the Peace. That, however, both their Majeſties would ſoon be made eaſy; for I had found a prodigious Veſſel on the Shore, able to carry me on the Sea, which he

had given Order to fit up with my own Assistance and Direction; and he hoped, in a few Weeks, both Empires would be freed from so insupportable an Incumbrance.

With this Answer, the Envoy returned to *Lilliput*, and the Monarch of *Blefuscu* related to me all that had past; offering me at the same Time (but under the strictest Confidence) his gracious Protection, if I would continue in his Service; wherein, although I believed him sincere, yet I resolved never more to put any Confidence in Princes or Ministers, where I could possibly avoid it; and, therefore, with all due Acknowledgments for his favourable Intentions, I humbly begged to be excused. I told him, that since Fortune, whether good or evil, had thrown a Vessel in my Way, I was resolved to venture myself in the Ocean, rather than be an Occasion of Difference between two such mighty Monarchs. Neither did I find the Emperor at all displeased; and I discovered, by a certain Accident, that he was very glad of my Resolution, and so were most of his Ministers.

These Considerations moved me to hasten my Departure somewhat sooner than I intended; to which the Court, impatient to have me gone, very readily contributed. Five hundred Workmen were imployed to make two Sails to my Boat, according to my Directions, by quilting thirteen Fold of their strongest Linnen together. I was at the Pains of making Ropes and Cables, by twisting ten, twenty, or thirty of the thickest and strongest of theirs. A great Stone that I happened to find, after a long Search by the Sea-shore, served me for an Anchor. I had the Tallow of three hundred Cows for greasing my Boat, and other Uses. I was at incredible Pains in cutting down some of the largest Timber-Trees for Oars and Masts, wherein I was, however, much assisted by his Majesty's Ship-carpenters, who helped me in smoothing them after I had done the rough Work.

In about a Month, when all was prepared, I sent to receive his Majesty's Commands, and to take my Leave. The Emperor and Royal Family came out of the Palace; I laid down on my Face to kiss his Hand, which he very graciously

ciously gave me; so did the Empress, and young Princes of the Blood. His Majesty presented me with fifty Purses of two-hundred *Sprugs* a-piece, together with his Picture at full Length, which I put immediately into one of my Gloves, to keep it from being hurt. The Ceremonies at my Departure were too many to trouble the Reader with at this Time.

I stored the Boat with the Carcases of an hundred Oxen, and three hundred Sheep, with Bread and Drink proportionable, and as much Meat ready dressed as four hundred Cooks could provide. I took with me six Cows and two Bulls alive, with as many Ewes and Rams, intending to carry them into my own Country, and propagate the Breed. And, to feed them on Board, I had a good Bundle of Hay, and a Bag of Corn. I would gladly have taken a Dozen of the Natives, but this was a Thing the Emperor would by no Means permit; and, besides a diligent Search into my Pockets, his Majesty engaged my Honour not to carry away any of his Subjects, although with their own Consent and Desire.

Having thus prepared all Things as well as I was able, I ſet Sail on the twenty-fourth Day of *September* 1701, at Six in the Morning; and when I had gone about four Leagues to the Northward, the Wind being at South-Eaſt, at Six in the Evening, I deſcried a ſmall Iſland about half a League to the North-Weſt. I advanced forward, and caſt Anchor on the Lee-ſide of the Iſland, which ſeemed to be uninhabited. I then took ſome Refreſhment, and went to my Reſt. I ſlept well, and I conjecture at leaſt ſix Hours, for I found the Day broke in two Hours after I awaked. It was a clear Night. I eat my Breakfaſt before the Sun was up; and heaving Anchor, the Wind being favourable, I ſteered the ſame Courſe, that I had done the Day before, wherein I was directed by my Pocket-Compaſs. My Intention was to reach, if poſſible, one of thoſe Iſlands, which I had Reaſon to believe lay on the North-Eaſt of *Van Diemen*'s Land. I diſcovered nothing all that Day; but upon the next, about three in the Afternoon, when I had by my Computation made twenty-four Leagues from *Bleſuſcu*, I deſcried a Sail ſteering to the South-

South-East; my Course was due East. I hailed her, but could get no Answer; yet I found I gained upon her, for the Wind slackened. I made all the Sail I could, and in half an Hour she spied me, then hung out her Ancient, and discharged a Gun. It is not easy to express the Joy I was in upon the unexpected Hope of once more seeing my beloved Country, and the dear Pledges I left in it. The Ship slackened her Sails, and I came up with her between Five and Six in the Evening, *September* 26; but my Heart leapt within me to see her *English* Colours. I put my Cows and Sheep into my Coat-Pockets, and got on board with all my little Cargo of Provisions. The Vessel was an *English* Merchantman, returning from *Japan* by the *North* and *South Seas*; the Captain, Mr. *John Biddel* of *Deptford*, a very civil Man, and an excellent Sailor. We were now in the Latitude of 30 Degrees South, there were about fifty Men in the Ship; and here I met an old Comrade of mine, one *Peter Williams*, who gave me a good Character to the Captain. This Gentleman treated me with Kindness, and desired I would let him know what Place

I came from last, and whither I was bound; which I did in few Words, but he thought I was raving, and that the Dangers I underwent had disturbed my Head; whereupon I took my black Cattle and Sheep out of my Pocket, which, after great Astonishment, clearly convinced him of my Veracity. I then shewed him the Gold given me by the Emperor of *Blefuscu*, together with his Majesty's Picture at full Length, and some other Rarities of that Country. I gave him two Purses of two hundred *Sprugs* each, and promised, when we arrived in *England*, to make him a Present of a Cow and a Sheep big with Young.

I shall not trouble the Reader with a particular Account of this Voyage, which was very prosperous for the most Part. We arrived in the *Downs* on the 13th of *April* 1702. I had only one Misfortune, that the Rats on Board carried away one of my Sheep; I found her Bones in a Hole, picked clean from the Flesh. The rest of my Cattle I got safe a-shore, and set them a grazing in a Bowling-Green at *Greenwich*, where the Fineness of the Grass made them feed very

very heartily, though I had always feared the contrary: Neither could I possibly have preserved them in so long a Voyage, if the Captain had not allowed me some of his best Bisket, which rubbed to Powder, and mingled with Water, was their constant Food. The short Time I continued in *England*, I made a considerable Profit by shewing my Cattle to many Persons of Quality, and others: And, before I began my second Voyage, I sold them for six hundred Pounds. Since my last Return, I find the Breed is considerably increased, especially the Sheep, which I hope will prove much to the Advantage of the Woollen Manufacture, by the Fineness of the Fleeces.

I stayed but two Months with my Wife and Family; for my insatiable Desire of seeing foreign Countries would suffer me to continue no longer. I left fifteen hundred Pounds with my Wife, and fixed her in a good House at *Redriff*. My remaining Stock I carried with me, Part in Money and Part in Goods, in hopes to improve my Fortunes. My eldest Uncle *John* had left me an Estate in Land, near *Epping*, of

about thirty Pounds a Year; and I had a long Leaſe of the *Black Bull* in *Fetter-Lane*, which yielded me as much more: So that I was not in any Danger of leaving my Family upon the Pariſh. My Son *Johnny*, named ſo after his Uncle, was at the Grammar School, and a towardly Child. My Daughter *Betty* (who is now well married, and has Children) was then at her Needle-work. I took leave of my Wife, and Boy and Girl, with Tears on both Sides, and went on board the *Adventure*, a Merchant Ship, of three hundred Tons bound for *Surat*, Captain *John Nicholas* of *Liverpool*, Commander. But my Account of this Voyage muſt be referred to the ſecond Part of my Travels.

The End of the Firſt Part.

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TRAVELS.

PART II.

A Voyage *to* BROBDINGNAG.

CHAP. I.

A great Storm described, the Long-Boat sent to fetch Water, the Author goes with it to discover the Country. He is left on Shore, is seized by one of the Natives, and carried to a Farmer's House. His Reception there, with several Accidents that happened there. A Description of the Inhabitants.

HAVING been condemned by Nature and Fortune to an active and restless Life, in two Months after my Return, I again left my native Country, and took Shipping in the *Downs* on the 20th Day of *June* 1702, in the *Adventure*, Capt. *John Nicholas*, a *Cornish* Man, Commander, bound for

Surat. We had a very prosperous Gale till we arrived at the *Cape of Good Hope*, where we landed for fresh Water, but, discovering a Leak, we unshipped our Goods, and wintered there; for, the Captain falling sick of an Ague, we could not leave the *Cape* till the End of *March*. We then set Sail, and had a good Voyage till we passed the *Streights* of *Madagascar*; but having got *Northward* of that Island, and to about five Degrees *South* Latitude, the Winds, which in those Seas were observed to blow a constant equal Gale between the *North* and *West*, from the Beginning of *December*, to the Beginning of *May*, on the 9th of *April* began to blow with much greater Violence, and more *Westerly* than usual, continuing so for twenty Days together, during which Time, we were driven a little to the *East* of the *Molucca* Islands, and about three Degrees *Northward* of the Line, as our Captain found by an Observation he took the second of *May*, at which Time the Wind ceased, and it was a perfect Calm, whereat I was not a little rejoiced. But he, being a Man experienced in the Navigation of those Seas, bid us all prepare against a Storm,

Storm, which accordingly happened the Day following: For a *Southern* Wind, called the *Southern Monſoon*, began to ſet in.

Finding it was like to overblow, we took in our Sprit-ſail; and ſtood by to hand the Fore-ſail; but, making foul Weather, we looked the Guns were all faſt, and handed the Miſſen. The Ship lay very broad off, ſo we thought it better ſpooning before the Sea, than trying or hulling. We reeft the Fore-ſail and ſet him, and hawled aft the Fore-ſheet; the Helm was hard a Weather. The Ship wore bravely. We belayed the Fore-down-hall; but the Sail was ſplit, and we hawled down the Yard, and got the Sail into the Ship, and unbound all the Things clear of it. It was a very fierce Storm; the Sea broke ſtrange and dangerous. We hawled off upon the Lanniard of the Whipſtaff, and helped the Man at the Helm. We would not get down our Top-maſt, but let all ſtand, becauſe ſhe ſcudded before the Sea very well, and we knew that, the Top-maſt being aloft, the Ship was the wholſomer, and made better Way through the Sea, ſeeing we had Sea-Room.

Room. When the Storm was over, we ſet Fore-ſail and Main-ſail, and brought the Ship to. Then we ſet the Miſſen, Main-top-ſail, and the Fore-top-ſail. Our Courſe was *Eaſt-North-Eaſt*, the Wind was at *South-Weſt*. We got the Star-board Tacks aboard, we caſt off our Weather Braces and Lifts; we ſet in the Lee-braces, and hawled forward by the Weather-bowlings, and hawled them right, and belayed them, and hawled over the Miſſen-tack to Windward, and kept her full and by as near as ſhe would lie.

During this Storm, which was followed by a ſtrong Wind *Weſt-South-Weſt*, we were carried, by my Computation, about five hundred Leagues to the *Eaſt*, ſo that the oldeſt Sailor aboard could not tell in what Part of the World we were. Our Proviſions held out well, our Ship was ſtaunch, and our Crew all in good Health; but we lay in the utmoſt Diſtreſs for Water. We thought it beſt to hold on the ſame Courſe, rather than turn more *Northerly*, which might have brought us to the *North-Weſt* Parts of *Great Tartary*, and into the frozen Sea.

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On the 16th Day of *June* 1703, a Boy on the Top-maſt diſcovered Land. On the 17th, we came in full View of a great Iſland or Continent, (for we knew not whether) on the *South* Side whereof was a ſmall Neck of Land jutting out into the Sea, and a Creek too ſhallow to hold a Ship of above one hundred Tons. We caſt Anchor within a League of this Creek, and our Captain ſent a Dozen of his Men well armed in the Long-Boat, with Veſſels for Water, if any could be found. I deſired his Leave to go with them, that I might ſee the Country, and make what Diſcoveries I could. When we came to Land, we ſaw no River or Spring, nor any Sign of Inhabitants. Our Men therefore wandered on the Shore to find out ſome freſh Water near the Sea, and I walked alone about a Mile on the other Side, where I obſerved the Country all barren and rocky. I now began to be weary, and, ſeeing nothing to entertain my Curioſity, I returned gently down towards the Creek; and, the Sea being full in my View, I ſaw our Men already got into the Boat, and rowing for Life to the Ship. I was going to hollow after them,

them, although it had been to little Purpoſe, when I obſerved a huge Creature walking after them in the Sea, as faſt as he could: He waded not much deeper than his Knees, and took prodigious Strides: But our Men had the Start of him half a League, and, the Sea thereabouts being full of ſharp-pointed Rocks, the Monſter was not able to overtake the Boat. This I was afterwards told, for I durſt not ſtay to ſee the Iſſue of the Adventure; but ran as faſt as I could the Way I firſt went, and then climbed up a ſteep Hill, which gave me ſome Proſpect of the Country. I found it fully cultivated; but that which firſt ſurpriſed me was the Length of the Graſs, which, in thoſe Grounds that ſeemed to be kept for Hay, was about twenty Feet high.

I fell into a high Road, for ſo I took it to be, though it ſerved for the Inhabitants only as a Foot-Path through a Field of Barley. Here I walked on for ſome Time, but could ſee little on either Side, it being now at leaſt Harveſt, and the Corn riſing near forty Feet. I was an Hour walking to the End of this Field, which was fenced in with a Hedge of at leaſt one hundred and twenty Feet high,

high, and the Trees ſo lofty that I could make no Computation of their Altitude. There was a Stile to paſs from this Field into the next. It had four Steps, and a Stone to croſs over when you came to the uppermoſt. It was impoſſible for me to climb this Stile, becauſe every Step was ſix Feet high, and the upper Stone above twenty. I was endeavouring to find ſome Gap in the Hedge, when I diſcovered one of the Inhabitants in the next Field, advancing towards the Stile, of the ſame Size with him I ſaw in the Sea, purſuing our Boat. He appeared as tall as an ordinary Spire-Steeple, and took about ten Yards at every Stride, as near as I could gueſs. I was ſtruck with the utmoſt Fear and Aſtoniſhment, and ran to hide myſelf in the Corn, from whence I ſaw him at the Top of the Stile, looking back into the next Field on the Right Hand, and heard him call in a Voice many Degrees louder than a Speaking Trumpet; but the Noiſe was ſo high in the Air, that at firſt I certainly thought it was Thunder. Whereupon ſeven Monſters, like himſelf, came towards him with Reaping-Hooks in their Hands, each Hook about the Largeneſs

neſs of ſix Scythes. Theſe People were not ſo well clad as the firſt, whoſe Servants or Labourers they ſeemed to be: For, upon ſome Words he ſpoke, they went to reap the Corn in the Field where I lay. I kept from them at as great a Diſtance as I could, but was forced to move with extreme Difficulty, for the Stalks of the Corn were ſometimes not above a Foot diſtant, ſo that I could hardly ſqueeze my Body betwixt them. I made ſhift to go forward, till I came to a Part of the Field where the Corn had been lain by the Rain and Wind. Here it was impoſſible for me to advance a Step; for the Stalks were ſo interwoven that I could not creep thorough, and the Beards of the fallen Ears ſo ſtrong and pointed, that they pierced through my Cloaths into my Fleſh. At the ſame Time I heard the Reapers not above an hundred Yards behind me. Being quite diſpirited with Toil, and wholly overcome by Grief and Deſpair, I lay down between two Ridges, and heartily wiſhed I might there end my Days. I bemoaned my deſolate Widow, and fatherleſs Children. I lamented my own Folly and Wilfulneſs in attempting a ſecond Voyage againſt the Advice of all my

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Friends and Relations. In this terrible Agitation of Mind I could not forbear thinking of *Lilliput*, whoſe Inhabitants looked upon me as the greateſt Prodigy that ever appeared in the World: Where I was able to draw an Imperial Fleet in my Hand, and perform thoſe other Actions which will be recorded for ever in the Chronicles of that Empire, while Poſterity ſhall hardly believe them, although atteſted by Millions. I reflected what a Mortification it muſt prove to me to appear as inconſiderable in this Nation, as one ſingle *Lilliputian* would be among us. But this I conceived was to be the leaſt of my Misfortunes: For, as human Creatures are obſerved to be more ſavage and cruel in Proportion to their Bulk, what could I expect but to be a Morſel in the Mouth of the firſt among theſe enormous Barbarians, that ſhould happen to ſeize me? Undoubtedly Philoſophers are in the Right when they tell us, that nothing is great or little otherwiſe than by Compariſon. It might have pleaſed Fortune to let the *Lilliputians* find ſome Nation, where the People were as diminutive with reſpect to them, as they were to me. And who knows

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but that even this prodigious Race of Mortals might be equally overmatched in ſome diſtant Part of the World, whereof we have yet no Diſcovery?

Scared and confounded as I was, I could not forbear going on with theſe Reflections, when one of the Reapers, approaching within ten Yards of the Ridge where I lay, made me apprehend, that with the next Step I ſhould be ſquaſhed to Death under his Foot, or cut in two with his Reaping-hook. And, therefore, when he was again about to move, I ſcreamed as loud as Fear could make me. Whereupon the huge Creature trod ſhort, and, looking round about under him for ſome Time, at laſt eſpied me as I lay on the Ground. He conſidered a While with the Caution of one who endeavours to lay hold on a ſmall dangerous Animal, in ſuch a Manner, that it may not be able either to ſcratch or to bite him, as I myſelf have ſometimes done with a Weaſel in *England*. At length he ventured to take me up behind by the Middle between his fore Finger and Thumb, and brought me within three Yards of his Eyes, that he might behold my Shape more perfectly

fectly. I gueſſed his Meaning, and my good Fortune gave me ſo much Preſence of Mind, that I reſolved not to ſtruggle in the leaſt as he held me in the Air, about ſixty Feet from the Ground, although he grievouſly pinched my Sides, for fear I ſhould ſlip through his Fingers. All I ventured was to raiſe mine Eyes towards the Sun, and place my Hands together in a ſupplicating Poſture, and to ſpeak ſome Words in an humble melancholy Tone, ſuitable to the Condition I then was in. For I apprehended every Moment that he would daſh me againſt the Ground, as we uſually do any little hateful Animal which we have a Mind to deſtroy *. But my good Star would have it, that he appeared pleaſed with my Voice and Geſtures, and began to look upon me as a Curioſity, much wondering to hear me pronounce articulate Words, although he could not un-

* Our Inattention to the Felicity of ſenſitive Beings merely becauſe they are ſmall is here forcibly reproved: Many have wantonly cruſhed an Inſect, who would ſhudder at cutting the Throat of a Dog; but it ſhould always be remembered, that the leaſt of theſe

" In mortal Sufferance feels a Pang as great
" As when a Giant dies."

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derſtand them. In the mean Time I was not able to forbear groaning and ſhedding Tears, and turning my Head towards my Sides, letting him know, as well as I could, how cruelly I was hurt by the Preſſure of his Thumb and Finger. He ſeemed to apprehend my Meaning; for, lifting up the Lappet of his Coat, he put me gently into it, and immediately ran along with me to his Maſter, who was a ſubſtantial Farmer, and the ſame Perſon I had firſt ſeen in the Field.

The Farmer having (as I ſuppoſe by their Talk) received ſuch an Account of me as his Servant could give him, took a Piece of a ſmall Straw, about the Size of a Walking-ſtaff and therewith lifted up the Lappets of my Coat; which, it ſeems, he thought to be ſome Kind of Covering that Nature had given me. He blew my Hairs aſide to take a better View of my Face. He called his Hinds about him, and aſked them (as I afterwards learned) whether they had ever ſeen in the Fields any little Creature that reſembled me: He then placed me ſoftly on the Ground upon all four, but I got immediately up, and walked ſlowly

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backwards and forwards, to let thoſe People ſee I had no Intent to run away. They all ſat down in a Circle about me, the better to obſerve my Motions. I pulled off my Hat, and made a low Bow towards the Farmer. I fell on my Knees, and lifted up my Hands and Eyes, and ſpoke ſeveral Words as loud as I could: I took a Purſe of Gold out of my Pocket, and humbly preſented it to him. He received it on the Palm of his Hand, then applied it cloſe to his Eye, to ſee what it was, and afterwards turned it ſeveral Times with the Point of a Pin (which he took out of his Sleeve) but could make nothing of it. Whereupon I made a Sign that he ſhould place his Hand on the Ground. I then took the Purſe, and, opening it, poured all the Gold into his Palm. There were ſix *Spaniſh* Pieces of four Piſtoles each, beſides twenty or thirty ſmaller Coins. I ſaw him wet the Tip of his little Finger upon his Tongue, and take up one of my largeſt Pieces, and then another, but he ſeemed to be wholly ignorant what they were. He made me a Sign to put them again into my Purſe, and the Purſe again into my Pocket, which,

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after offering it to him ſeveral Times, I thought it beſt ſo to do.

The Farmer, by this Time, was convinced I muſt be a rational Creature. He ſpoke often to me, but the Sound of his Voice pierced my Ears like that of a Water-mill, yet his Words were articulate enough. I anſwered as loud as I could, in ſeveral Languages, and he often laid his Ear within two Yards of me; but all in vain, for we were wholly unintelligible to each other. He then ſent his Servnts to their Work, and, taking his Handkerchief out of his Pocket, he doubled and ſpread it on his left Hand. which he placed on the Ground, with the Palm upwards, making me a Sign to ſtep into it, as I could eaſily do, for it was not above a Foot in Thickneſs. I thought it my Part to obey, and, for fear of falling, laid myſelf at Length upon the Handkerchief, with the Remainder of which, he lapped me up to the Head for farther Security, and in this Manner carried me Home to his Houſe. There he called his Wife, and ſhewed me to her; but ſhe ſcreamed and r n back, as Women in *England* do at the Sight of a Toad or a Spider. However,

ever, when she had a while seen my Behaviour, and how well I observed the Signs her Husband made, she was soon reconciled, and, by Degrees, grew extremely tender of me.

It was about twelve at Noon, and a Servant brought in Dinner. It was only one substantial Dish of Meat (fit for the plain Condition of an Husbandman) in a Dish of about four and twenty Feet Diameter. The Company were the Farmer and his Wife, three Children, and an old Grandmother: When they were set down, the Farmer placed me at some Distance from him on the Table, which was thirty Feet high from the Floor. I was in a terrible Fright, and kept as far as I could from the Edge, for fear of falling. The Wife minced a Bit of Meat, then crumbled some Bread on a Trencher, and placed it before me. I made her a low Bow, took out my Knife and Fork, and fell to eat, which gave them exceeding Delight. The Mistress sent her Maid for a small Dram-Cup, which held about two Gallons, and filled it with Drink; I took up the Vessel with much Difficulty in both Hands, and, in a most respectful Manner, drank to her Ladyship's

Health, expreſſing the Words as loud as I could in *Engliſh*, which made the Company laugh ſo heartily, that I was almoſt deafened with the Noiſe. This Liquor taſted like a ſmall Cyder, and was not unpleaſant. Then the Maſter made me a Sign to come to his Trencher-ſide; but as I walked on the Table, being in great Surprize all the Time, as the indulgent Reader will eaſily conceive and excuſe, I happened to ſtumble againſt a Cruſt, and fell flat on my Face, but received no Hurt. I got up immediately, and, obſerving the good People to be in much Concern, I took my Hat (which I held under my Arm out of good Manners) and, waving it over my Head, made three Huzza's, to ſhew I had got no Miſchief by my Fall. But advancing forward towards my Maſter (as I ſhall henceforth call him) his youngeſt Son, who ſat next him, an arch Boy of about ten Years old, took me up by the Legs, and held me ſo high in the Air, that I trembled every Limb; but his Father ſnatched me from him, and at the ſame Time gave him ſuch a Box on the left Ear, as would have felled an *European* Troop of Horſe to the Earth, ordering him

him to be taken from the Table. But being afraid the Boy might owe me a Spight, and well remembering how miſchievous all Children among us naturally are to Sparrows, Rabbits, young Kittens, and Puppy dogs, I fell on my Knees, and, pointing to the Boy, made my Maſter to underſtand, as well as I could, that I deſired his Son might be pardoned. The Father complied, and the Lad took his Seat again; whereupon I went to him and kiſſed his Hand, which my Maſter took, and made him ſtroak me gently with it.

In the midſt of Dinner, my Miſtreſs's favourite Cat leapt into her Lap. I heard a Noiſe behind me like that of a dozen Stocking-Weavers at Work; and turning my Head, I found it proceeded from the Purring of that Animal, who ſeemed to be three Times larger than an Ox, as I computed by the View of her Head, and one of her Paws, while her Miſtreſs was feeding and ſtroaking her. The Fierceneſs of this Creature's Countenance altogether diſcompoſed me; though I ſtood at the further End of the Table, about fifty Feet off; and although my Miſtreſs held her faſt, for fear ſhe might

give a Spring, and ſeize me in her Talons. But it happened there was no Danger; for the Cat took no Notice of me, when my Maſter placed me within three Yards of her. And as I have been always told, and found true by Experience in my Travels, that flying or diſcovering Fear, before a fierce Animal, is a certain Way to make it purſue or attack you, ſo I reſolved, in this dangerous Juncture, to ſhew no Manner of Concern. I walked with intrepidity five or ſix Times before the very Head of the Cat, and came within half a Yard of her; whereupon ſhe drew herſelf back, as if ſhe were more afraid of me: I had leſs Apprehenſion concerning the Dogs, whereof three or four came into the Room, as it is uſual in Farmers Houſes; one of which was a Maſtiff, equal in Bulk to four Elephants, and a Grey-hound ſomewhat taller than the Maſtiff, but not ſo large.

When Dinner was almoſt done, the Nurſe came in with a Child of a Year old in her Arms, who immediately ſpied me, and began a Squall that you might have heard from *London-Bridge* to *Chelſea*, after the uſual Oratory of Infants to get me for a Play-thing. The Mother out

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of pure Indulgence took me up, and put me towards the Child, who presently seized me by the Middle, and got my Head into his Mouth, where I roared so loud that the Urchin was frighted, and let me drop, and I should have infallibly broke my Neck if the Mother had not held her Apron under me. The Nurse to quiet her Babe made use of a Rattle, which was a kind of hollow Vessel filled with great Stones, and fastened by a Cable to the Child's Waist: But all in vain, so that she was forced to apply the last Remedy by giving it Suck. I must confess no Object ever disgusted me so much as the Sight of her monstrous Breast, which I cannot tell what to compare with, so as to give the curious Reader an Idea of its Bulk, Shape, and Colour. It stood prominent six Feet, and could not be less than Sixteen in Circumference. The Nipple was about half the Bigness of my Head, and the Hue both of that and the Dug so varified with Spots, Pimples, and Freckles, that nothing could appear more nauseous: For I had a near Sight of her, she sitting down the more conveniently to give Suck, and I standing on the Table. This

made me reflect upon the fair Skins of our *Engliſh* Ladies, who appear ſo beautiful to us, only becauſe they are of our own Size, and their Defects not to be ſeen but through a Magnifying-glaſs, where we find by Experiment, that the ſmootheſt and whiteſt Skins look rough and courſe and ill-coloured.

I remember, when I was at *Lilliput*, the Complexions of thoſe diminutive People appeared to me the faireſt in the World, and talking upon this Subject with a Perſon of Learning there, who was an intimate Friend of mine, he ſaid that my Face appeared much fairer and ſmoother when he looked on me from the Ground, than it did upon a nearer View when I took him up in my Hand and brought him cloſe, which he confeſſed was at firſt a very ſhocking Sight. He ſaid he could diſcover great Holes in my Skin; that the Stumps of my Beard were ten Times ſtronger than the Briſtles of a Boar, and my Complexion made up of ſeveral Colours altogether diſagreeable: Although I muſt beg Leave to ſay for myſelf, that I am as fair as moſt of my Sex and Country, and very little Sun-burnt by Travel. On the other Side,

Side, diſcourſing of the Ladies in that Emperor's Court, he uſed to tell me, one had Freckles, another too wide a Mouth, a third too large a Noſe, nothing of which I was able to diſtinguiſh. I confeſs, this Reflection was obvious enough; which, however, I could not forbear, leſt the Reader might think thoſe vaſt Creatures were actually deformed: For I muſt do them Juſtice to ſay, they are a comely Race of People; and particularly the Features of my Maſter's Countenance, although he were but a Farmer, when I beheld him from the Height of ſixty Feet, appeared very well proportioned.

When Dinner was done, my Maſter went out to his Labourers, and, as I could diſcover by his Voice and Geſture, gave his Wife a ſtrict Charge to take Care of me. I was very much tired, and diſpoſed to ſleep, which my Miſtreſs perceiving, ſhe put me on her own Bed, and covered me with a clean white Handkerchief, but larger and coarſer than the Main-ſail of a Man of War.

I ſlept about two Hours, and dreamed I was at Home with my Wife and Children, which aggravated my Sorrows

when I awaked, and found myself alone in a vaſt Room, between two and three hundred Feet wide, and above two hundred high, lying in a Bed twenty Yards wide. My Miſtreſs was gone about her Houſhold Affairs, and had locked me in. The Bed was eight Yards from the Floor. Some natural Neceſſities required me to get down; I durſt not preſume to call, and if I had, it would have been in vain, with ſuch a Voice as mine, at ſo great a Diſtance as from the Room where I lay to the Kitchen where the Family kept. While I was under theſe Circumſtances, two Rats crept up the Curtains, and ran ſmelling backwards and forwards on the Bed. One of them came up almoſt to my Face, whereupon I roſe in a Fright, and drew out my Hanger to defend myſelf. Theſe horrible Animals had the Boldneſs to attack me on both Sides, and one of them held his Fore-feet at my Collar; but I had the good Fortune to rip up his Belly, before he could do me any Miſchief. He fell down at my Feet, and the other, ſeeing the Fate of his Comrade, made his Eſcape, but not without one good Wound on the Back, which I gave him

as he fled, and made the Blood run trickling from him. After this Exploit, I walked gently to and fro on the Bed, to recover my Breath, and Loſs of Spirits. Theſe Creatures were of the Size of a large Maſtiff, but infinitely more nimble and fierce, ſo that, if I had taken off my Belt before I went to ſleep, I muſt have infallibly been torn to Pieces and devoured. I meaſured the Tail of the dead Rat, and found it to be two Yards long, wanting an Inch; but it went againſt my Stomach to drag the Carcaſs off the Bed, where it lay ſtill bleeding: I obſerved it had yet ſome Life, but, with a ſtrong Slaſh croſs the Neck, I thoroughly diſpatched it.

Soon after, my Miſtreſs came into the Room, who, ſeeing me all bloody, ran and took me up in her Hand. I pointed to the dead Rat, ſmiling and making other Signs, to ſhew I was not hurt, whereat ſhe was extremely rejoiced, calling the Maid to take up the dead Rat with a Pair of Tongs, and throw it out of the Window. Then ſhe ſet me on a Table, where I ſhewed her my Hanger all bloody, and, wiping it on the Lappet of my Coat, returned it to the Scab-

bard. I was preſſed to do more than one Thing, which another could not do for me, and therefore endeavoured to make my Miſtreſs underſtand that I deſired to be ſet down on the Floor; which after ſhe had done, my Baſhfulneſs would not ſuffer me to expreſs myſelf further, than by pointing to the Door, and bowing ſeveral Times. The good Woman, with much Difficulty, at laſt perceived what I would be at, and, taking me up again in her Hand, walked into the Garden, where ſhe ſet me down. I went on one Side, about two hundred Yards, and beckoning to her not to look or to follow me, I hid myſelf between Leaves of Sorrel, and there diſcharged the Neceſſities of Nature.

I hope the gentle Reader will excuſe me for dwelling on theſe and the like Particulars, which, however inſignificant they may appear to groveling vulgar Minds, yet will certainly help a Philoſopher to enlarge his Thoughts and Imagination, and to apply them to a Benefit of publick as well as private Life, which was my ſole Deſign in preſenting this and other Accounts of my Travels to the World; wherein I have been chiefly ſtudious

dious of Truth, without affecting any Ornaments of Learning or of Style. But the whole Scene of this Voyage made ſo ſtrong an Impreſſion on my Mind, and is ſo deeply fixed in my Memory, that, in committing it to Paper, I did not omit one material Circumſtance: However, upon a ſtrict Review, I blotted out ſeveral Paſſages of leſs Moment which were in my firſt Copy, for fear of being cenſured as tedious and trifling, whereof Travellers are often, perhaps not without Juſtice, accuſed.

CHAP. II.

A Deſcription of the Farmer's Daughter. The Author carried to a Market-Town, and then to the Metropolis. The Particulars of his Journey.

MY Miſtreſs had a Daughter of nine Years old, a Child of towardly Parts of her Age, very dexterous at her Needle, aud ſkilful in dreſſing her Baby. Her Mother and ſhe contrived to fit up the Baby's Cradle for me againſt Night: The Cradle was put into a ſmall Drawer placed upon a hanging Shelf, for Fear

of the Rats. This was my Bed all the Time I ſtayed with thoſe People, tho' made more convenient by Degrees, as I began to learn their Language, and make my Wants known. This young Girl was ſo handy, that, after I had once or twice pulled off my Cloaths before her, ſhe was able to dreſs and undreſs me, though I never gave her that Trouble, when ſhe would let me do either myſelf. She made me ſeven Shirts, and ſome other Linnen, of as fine a Cloth as could be got, which, indeed, was coarſer than Sack Cloth; and theſe ſhe conſtantly waſhed for me with her own Hands. She was likewiſe my School-Miſtreſs, to teach me the Language: When I pointed to any Thing, ſhe told me the Name of it in her own Tongue, ſo that, in a few Days, I was able to call for whatever I had a Mind to. She was very good-natured, and not above forty Feet high, being little for her Age. She gave me, the Name of *Grildrig*, which the Family took up, and afterwards the whole Kingdom. The Word imports what the *Latins* call *Nanunculus*, the *Italians Homunceletino*, and the *Engliſh Mannikin*. To her I chiefly owe my Preſervation in

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that Country: We never parted while I was there: I called her my *Glumdalclitch*, or little Nurse: And should be guilty of great Ingratitude, if I omitted this honourable Mention of her Care and Affection towards me, which I heartily wish it lay in my Power to requite as she deserves, instead of being the innocent, but unhappy Instrument of her Disgrace, as I have too much Reason to fear.

It now began to be known and talked of in the Neighbourhood, that my Master had found a strange Animal in the Field, about the Bigness of a *Splacnuck*, but exactly shaped in every Part like a human Creature; which it likewise imitated in all its Actions; seemed to speak in a little Language of its own, had already learned several Words of theirs, went erect upon two Legs, was tame and gentle, would come when it was called, do whatever it was bid, had the finest Limbs in the World, and a Complexion fairer than a Nobleman's Daughter of three Years old. Another Farmer, who lived hard by, and was a particular Friend of my Master, came on a Visit on Purpose to enquire into

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the Truth of this Story. I was immediately produced, and placed upon a Table, where I walked as I was commanded, drew my Hanger, put it up again, made my Reverence to my Maſter's Gueſt, aſked him in his own Language, how he did, and told him he was welcome, juſt as my little Nurſe had inſtructed me. This Man, who was old and dim-ſighted, put on his Spectacles to behold me better, at which I could not forbear laughing very heartily, for his Eyes appeared like the Full-Moon ſhining into a Chamber at two Windows. Our People, who diſcovered the Cauſe of my Mirth, bore me Company in laughing, at which the Old-Fellow was Fool enough to be angry and out of Countenance. He had the Character of a great Miſer, and to my Misfortune he well deſerved it, by the curſed Advice he gave my Maſter to ſhew me as a Sight upon a Market-Day in the next Town, which was half an Hour's Riding, about two and twenty Miles from our Houſe. I gueſſed there was ſome Miſchief contriving, when I obſerved my Maſter and his Friend whiſpering long together, ſometimes pointing at me; and my Fears, made

made me fancy that I overheard and underſtood ſome of their Words. But, the next Morning, *Glumdalclitch*, my little Nurſe, told me the whole Matter, which ſhe had cunningly picked out from her Mother. The poor Girl laid me on her Boſom, and fell a weeping with Shame and grief. She apprehended ſome Miſchief would happen to me from rude vulgar Folks, who might ſqueeze me to Death, or break one of my Limbs, by taking me in their Hands. She had alſo obſerved how modeſt I was in my Nature, how nicely I regarded my Honour, and what an Indignity I ſhould conceive it to be expoſed for Money as a publick Spectacle to the meaneſt of the People. She ſaid, her *Papa* and *Mamma* had promiſed that *Grildrig* ſhould be hers, but now ſhe found they meant to ſerve her as they did laſt Year, when they pretended to give her a Lamb, and yet, as ſoon as it was fat, ſold it to a Butcher. For my own Part, I may truly affirm, that I was leſs concerned than my Nurſe. I had a ſtrong Hope, which never left me, that I ſhould one Day recover my Liberty; and as to the Ignominy of being carried about for a Monſter, I con-

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ſidered myſelf to be a perfect Stranger in the Country, and that ſuch a Misfortune could never be charged upon me as a Reproach, if ever I ſhould return to *England*; ſince the King of *Great Britain* himſelf, in my Condition, muſt have undergone the ſame Diſtreſs.

My Maſter, purſuant to the Advice of his Friend, carried me in a Box the next Market-Day to the neighbouring Town, and took along with him his little Daughter, my Nurſe, upon a Pillion behind him. The Box was cloſe on every Side, with a little Door for me to go in and out, and a few Gimlet-Holes to let in Air. The Girl had been ſo careful to put the Quilt of her Baby's Bed into it, for me to lie down on. However, I was terribly ſhaken and diſcompoſed in this Journey, though it were but of half an Hour. For the Horſe went about forty Feet at every Step, and trotted ſo high, that the Agitation was equal to the riſing and falling of a Ship in a great Storm, but much more frequent: Our Journey was ſomewhat farther than from *London* to St. *Alban*'s. My Maſter alighted at an Inn which he uſed to frequent; and after conſulting a

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while with the Inn-Keeper, and making ſome neceſſary Preparations, he hired the *Grultrud* or Crier to give Notice through the Town of a ſtrange Creature to be ſeen at the Sign of the *Green Eagle*, not ſo big as a *Splacnuck*, (an Animal in that Country very finely ſhaped, about ſix Feet long) and in every Part of the Body reſembling an human Creature, could ſpeak ſeveral Words, and perform an hundred diverting Tricks.

I was placed upon a Table in the largeſt Room of the Inn, which might be near three hundred Feet ſquare. My little Nurſe ſtood on a low Stool cloſe to the Table, to take Care of me, and direct what I ſhould do. My Maſter to avoid a Croud, would ſuffer only thirty People at a Time to ſee me. I walked about on the Table as the Girl commanded: She aſked me Queſtions, as far as ſhe knew my Underſtanding of the Language reached, and I anſwered them as loud as I could. I turned about ſeveral Times to the Company, paid my humble Reſpects, ſaid they were welcome, and uſed ſome other Speeches, I had been taught. I took up a Thimble filled with Liquor, which *Glumdalclitch* had given me for a

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Cup, and drank their Health. I drew out my Hanger, and flouriſhed with it after the Manner of Fencers in *England*. My Nurſe gave me Part of a Straw, which I exerciſed as a Pike, having learned the Art in my Youth. I was that Day ſhewn to twelve Sets of Company, and as often forced to go over again the ſame Fopperies, till I was half dead with Wearineſs and Vexation. For thoſe who had ſeen me made ſuch wonderful Reports, that the People were ready to break down the Doors to come in. My Maſter, for his own Intereſt, would not ſuffer any one to touch me except my Nurſe; and to prevent Danger, Benches were ſet round the Table at ſuch a Diſtance as to put me out of every Body's reach. However, an unlucky School-boy aimed a Hazel-Nut directly at my Head, which very narrowly miſſed me; otherwiſe it came with ſo much Violence that it would have infallibly knocked out my Brains, for it was almoſt as large as a ſmall Pumpion: But I had the Satiſfaction to ſee the young Rogue well beaten, and turned out of the Room.

My Maſter gave publick Notice, that he would ſhew me again the next Market-Day,

Day, and in the mean Time he prepared a more convenient Vehicle for me, which he had Reaſon enough to do; for I was ſo tired with my firſt Journey, and with entertaining Company for eight Hours together, that I could hardly ſtand upon my Legs, or ſpeak a Word. It was at leaſt three Days before I recovered my Strength; and that I might have no Reſt at Home, all the neighbouring Gentlemen from a hundred Miles round, hearing of my Fame, came to ſee me at my Maſter's own Houſe. There could not be fewer than thirty Perſons with their Wives and Children (for the Country is very populous,) and my Maſter demanded the Rate of a full Room whenever he ſhewed me at Home, although it were only to a ſingle Family. So that for ſome Time I had but little Eaſe every Day of the Week (except *Wedneſday*, which is their Sabbath) although I were not carried to the Town.

My Maſter, finding how profitable I was like to be, reſolved to carry me to the moſt conſiderable Cities of the Kingdom. Having therefore provided himſelf with all Things neceſſary for a long Journey, and ſettled his Affairs at Home,

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he took Leave of his Wife, and upon the 17th of *Auguſt*, 1703, about two Months after my Arrival, we ſet out for the Metropolis, ſituated near the Middle of that Empire, and about three thouſand Miles Diſtance from our Houſe: My Maſter made his Daughter *Glumdalclitch* ride behind him. She carried me on her Lap, in a Box tied about her Waiſt. The Girl had lined it on all Sides with the ſofteſt Cloth ſhe could get, well quilted underneath, furniſhed it with her Baby's Bed, provided me with Linnen and other Neceſſaries, and made every Thing as convenient as ſhe could. We had no other Company but a Boy of the Houſe, who rode after us with the Luggage.

My Maſter's Deſign was to ſhew me in all the Towns by the Way, and to ſtep out of the Road for fifty or an hundred Miles, to any Village, or Perſon of Quality's Houſe where he might expect Cuſtom. We made eaſy Journey's of not above ſeven or eight Score Miles a Day: For *Glumdalclitch*, on Purpoſe to ſpare me, complained ſhe was tired with the Trotting of the Horſe. She often took me out of my Box, at my own

own Desire, to give me Air, and shew me the Country, but always held me fast by a Leading-String. We passed over five or six Rivers, many Degrees broader and deeper than the *Nile*, or the *Ganges*; and there was hardly a Rivulet so small as the *Thames* at *London* Bridge. We were ten Weeks in our Journey, and I was shewn in eighteen large Towns, besides many Villages and private Families.

On the 26th Day of *October*, we arrived at the Metropolis, called in their Language, *Lorbrulgrud*, or *Pride of the Universe*. My Master took a Lodging in the principal Street of the City, not far from the Royal Palace, and put out Bills in the usual Form, containing an exact Description of my Person and Parts. He hired a large Room, between three and four hundred Feet wide. He provided a Table sixty Feet in diameter, upon which I was to act my Part, and palisadoed it round three Feet from the Edge, and as many high, to prevent my falling over, I was shewn ten Times a Day, to the Wonder and Satisfaction of all People. I could now speak the Language tolerably well, and perfectly understood every Word that was spoken to me. Besides, I

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had learned their Alphabet, and could make a Shift to explain a Sentence here and there; for *Glumdalclitch* had been my Inſtructor while we were at Home, and at leiſure Hours during our Journey. She carried a little Book in her Pocket, not much larger than a *Sanſon's Atlaſs*; it was a common Treatiſe for the Uſe of young Girls, giving a ſhort Account of their Religion; out of this ſhe taught me my Letters, and interpreted the Words.

CHAP. III.

The Author ſent for to Court. The Queen buys him of his Maſter the Farmer, and preſents him to the King. He diſputes with his Majeſty's great Scholars. An Apartment at Court provided for the Author. He is in high Favour with the Queen. He ſtands up for the Honour of his own Country. His Quarrels with the Queen's Dwarf.

THE frequent Labours I underwent, every Day, made in a few Weeks a very conſiderable Change in my Health: The

The more my Maſter got by me, the more inſatiable he grew. I had quite loſt my Stomach, and was almoſt reduced to a Skeleton. The Farmer obſerved it, and, concluding I muſt ſoon die, reſolved to make as good a Hand of me as he could. While he was thus reaſoning and reſolving with himſelf, a *Slardral*, or Gentleman-Uſher, came from Court, commanding my Maſter to carry me immediately thither, for the Diverſion of the Queen and her Ladies. Some of the latter had already been to ſee me, and reported ſtrange Things of my Beauty, Behaviour, and good Senſe. Her Majeſty and thoſe who attended her, were beyond Meaſure delighted with my Demeanour; I fell on my Knees, and begged the Honour of kiſſing her Imperial Foot; but this gracious Princeſs held out her little Finger towards me (after I was ſet on a Table) which I embraced in both my Arms, and put the Tip of it, with the utmoſt Reſpect, to my Lips. She made me ſome general Queſtions about my Country, and my Travels, which I anſwered as diſtinctly, and in as few Words as I could. She aſked me whether I would be content to live

live at Court. I bowed down to the Board of the Table, and humbly anſwered that I was my Maſter's Slave; but, if I were at my own Diſpoſal, I ſhould be proud to devote my Life to her Majeſty's Service. She then aſked my Maſter whether he was willing to ſell me at a good Price. He, who apprehended I could not live a Month, was ready enough to part with me, and demanded a thouſand Pieces of Gold, which were ordered him on the Spot, each Piece being about the Bigneſs of eight hundred Moidores; but allowing, for the Proportion of all Things between that Country and *Europe*, and the high Price of Gold among them, was hardly ſo great a Sum as a thouſand Guineas would be in *England*. I then ſaid to the Queen, ſince I was now her Majeſty's moſt humble Creature and Vaſſal, I muſt beg the Favour, that *Glumdalclitch*, who had always tended me with ſo much Care and Kindneſs, and underſtood to do it ſo well, might be admitted into her Service, and continue to be my Nurſe and Inſtructor. Her Majeſty agreed to my Petition, and eaſily got the Farmer's Conſent, who was glad enough to have his Daughter pre-

ferred at Court: And the poor Girl herſelf was not able to hide her Joy: My late Maſter withdrew, bidding me Farewel, and ſaying he had left me in a good Service; to which I replied not a Word, only making him a ſlight Bow.

The Queen obſerved my Coldneſs, and, when the Farmer was gone out of the Apartment, aſked me the Reaſon. I made bold to tell her Majeſty, that I owed no other Obligation to my late Maſter, than his not daſhing out the Brains of a poor harmleſs Creature found by Chance in his Field; which Obligation was amply recompenſed by the Gain he had made in ſhewing me through half the Kingdom, and the Price he had now ſold me for. That the Life I had ſince led, was laborious enough to kill an Animal of ten Times my Strength. That my Health was much impaired by the continual Drudgery of entertaining the Rabble every Hour of the Day, and that, if my Maſter had not thought my Life in Danger, her Majeſty would not have got ſo cheap a Bargain. But as I was out of all fear of being ill-treated under the Protection of ſo great and good an Empreſs, the Ornament of Nature,

the Darling of the World, the Delight of her Subjects, the Phœnix of the Creation; so I hoped my late Master's Apprehensions would appear to be groundless, for I already found my Spirits to revive by the Influence of her most august Presence.

This was the Sum of my Speech, delivered with great Improprieties and Hesitation; the latter Part was altogether framed in the Style peculiar to that People, whereof I learned some Phrases from *Glumdalclitch*, while she was carrying me to Court.

The Queen, giving great Allowance for my Defectiveness in speaking, was however surprised at so much Wit and good Sense in so diminutive an Animal. She took me in her own Hands, and carried me to the King, who was then retired to his Cabinet. His Majesty, a Prince of much Gravity, and austere Countenance, not well observing my Shape at first View, asked the Queen after a cold Manner, how long it was since she grew fond of a *Splacnuck*; for such it seems he took me to be, as I lay upon my Breast in her Majesty's Right-hand. But this Princess, who hath

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an infinite deal of Wit and Humour, ſet me gently on my Feet upon the Scrutore, and commanded me to give his Majeſty an Account of myſelf, which I did in a very few Words; and *Glumdalclitch*, who attended at the Cabinet Door, and could not endure I ſhould be out of her Sight, being admitted, confirmed all that had paſſed from my Arrival at her Father's Houſe.

The King, although he be as learned a Perſon as any in his Dominions, had been educated in the Study of Philoſophy, and particularly Mathematics; yet when he obſerved my Shape exactly, and ſaw me walk erect, before I began to ſpeak, conceived I might be a Piece of Clockwork (which is in that Country arrived to a very great Perfection) contrived by ſome ingenious Artiſt. But when he heard my Voice, and found what I delivered to be regular and rational, he could not conceal his Aſtoniſhment. He was by no Means ſatisfied with the Relation I gave him of the Manner I came into his Kingdom, but thought it a Story concerted between *Glumdalclitch* and her Father, who had taught me a Set of Words to make me ſell at a better Price.

Upon this Imagination he put ſeveral other Queſtions to me, and ſtill received rational Anſwers, no otherwiſe defective, than by a foreign Accent, and an imperfect Knowledge in the Language, with ſome ruſtick Phraſes which I had learned at the Farmer's Houſe, and did not ſuit the polite Style of a Court.

His Majeſty ſent for three great Scholars who were then in their weekly Waiting, according to the Cuſtom in that Country. Theſe Gentlemen, after they had a while examined my Shape with much Nicety, were of different Opinions concerning me. They all agreed that I could not be produced according to the regular Laws of Nature, becauſe I was not framed with a Capacity of preſerving my Life, either by Swiftneſs, or Climbing of Trees, or Digging Holes in the Earth. They obſerved by my Teeth, which they viewed with great Exactneſs, that I was a carnivorous Animal; yet moſt Quadrupeds being an Overmatch for me, and Field-mice, with ſome others, too nimble, they could not imagine how I ſhould be able to ſupport myſelf, unleſs I fed upon Snails and other Inſects, which they offered, by many

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learned Arguments, to evince that I could not possibly do *. One of these Virtuosi seemed to think that I might be an Embryo, or abortive Birth. But this Opinion was rejected by the other two, who observed my Limbs to be perfect and finished, and that I had lived several Years, as it was manifest from my Beard, the Stumps whereof they plainly discovered through a Magnifying-glass. They would not allow me to be a Dwarf, because my Littleness was beyond all Degrees of Comparison; for the Queen's favourite Dwarf, the smallest ever known in that Kingdom, was near thirty Feet high. After much Debate they concluded unanimously that I was only *Relplum Scalcatch*, which is, interpreted literally, *Lusus Naturæ*; a Determination exactly agreeable to the modern Philosophy of *Europe*, whose Professors, disdaining the old Evasion of *occult Causes*, whereby the Followers of *Aristotle* endeavoured in

* By this Reasoning the Author probably intended to ridicule the Pride of those Philosophers, who have thought fit to arraign the Wisdom of Providence in the Creation and Government of the World: Whose Cavils are specious, like those of the *Brobdingnagian* Sages, only in Proportion to the Ignorance of those to whom they are proposed.

vain to disguise their Ignorance, have invented this wonderful Solution of all Difficulties, to the unspeakable Advancement of human Knowledge.

After this decisive Conclusion, I entreated to be heard a Word or two. I applied myself to the King, and assured his Majesty that I came from a Country which abounded with several Millions of both Sexes, and of my own Stature; where the Animals, Trees, and Houses, were all in Proportion, and where by Consequence I might be as able to defend myself, and to find Sustenance, as any of his Majesty's Subjects could do here; which I took for a full Answer to those Gentlemens Arguments. To this they only replied with a Smile of Contempt, saying, that the Farmer had instructed me very well in my Lesson *. The King, who had a much better Understanding, dismissing his learned Men, sent for the Farmer, who by good Fortune was not yet gone out of Town: Having therefore first examined him privately, and

* This Satire is levelled against all, who reject those Facts for which they cannot perfectly account, notwithstanding the Absurdity of rejecting the Testimony by which they are supported.

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then confronted him with me and the young Girl, his Majesty began to think that what we told him might possibly be true. He desired the Queen to order that a particular Care should be taken of me, and was of Opinion, that *Glumdalclitch* should still continue in her Office of tending me, because he observed we had a great Affection for each other. A convenient Apartment was provided for her at Court; she had a Sort of Governess appointed to take Care of her Education, a Maid to dress her, and two other Servants for menial Offices; but the Care of me was wholly appropriated to herself. The Queen commanded her own Cabinet-maker to contrive a Box that might serve me for a Bed-chamber, after the Model that *Glumdalclitch* and I should agree upon. This Man was a most ingenious Artist, and, according to my Directions, in three Weeks finished for me a wooden Chamber of sixteen Feet square, and twelve high, with Sash-windows, a Door, and two Closets, like a *London* Bed-chamber. The Board, that made the Cieling, was to be lifted up and down by two Hinges, to put in a Bed ready furnished by her Maje-

ſty's Upholſterer, which *Glumdalclitch* took out every Day to air, made it with her own Hands, and, letting it down at Night, locked up the Roof over me. A nice Workman, who was famous for little Curioſities, undertook to make me two Chairs, with Backs and Frames of a Subſtance not unlike Ivory, and two Tables, with a Cabinet to put my Things in. The Room was quilted on all Sides, as well as the Floor and the Cieling, to prevent any Accident from the Careleſsneſs of thoſe who carried me, and to break the Force of the Jolt when I went in a Coach. I deſired a Lock for my Door, to prevent Rats and Mice from coming in: The Smith, after ſeveral Attempts, made the ſmalleſt that ever was ſeen among them, for I have known a larger at the Gate of a Gentleman's Houſe in *England*. I made a Shift to keep the Key in a Pocket of my own, fearing *Glumdalclitch* might loſe it. The Queen likewiſe ordered the thinneſt Silks that could be gotten, to make me Cloaths, not much thicker than an *Engliſh* Blanket, very cumberſome, till I was accuſtomed to them. They were after the Faſhion of the Kingdom, partly reſembling the

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Perſian, and partly the *Chineſe*, and are a very grave and decent Habit.

The Queen became ſo fond of my Company, that ſhe could not dine without me. I had a Table placed upon the ſame at which her Majeſty eat, juſt at her Left Elbow, and a Chair to ſit on. *Glumdalclitch* ſtood on a Stool on the Floor, near my Table, to aſſiſt and take Care of me. I had an entire Set of Silver Diſhes and Plates, and other Neceſſaries, which, in Proportion to thoſe of the Queen's, were not much bigger than what I have ſeen of the ſame Kind in a *London* Toy-Shop, for the Furniture of a Baby-Houſe: Theſe my little Nurſe kept in her Pocket, in a Silver Box, and gave me at Meals as I wanted them, always cleaning them herſelf. No Perſon dined with the Queen but the two Princeſſes Royal, the elder ſixteen Years old, and the younger at that Time thirteen and a Month. Her Majeſty uſed to put a Bit of Meat upon one of my Diſhes, out of which I carved for myſelf; and her Diverſion was to ſee me eat in Miniature. For the Queen (who had, indeed, but a weak Stomach) took up, at one Mouthful, as much as a Do-

zen *Engliſh* Farmers could eat at a Meal, which, to me, was for ſome Time a very nauſeous Sight *. She would craunch the Wing of a Lark, Bones and all, between her Teeth, although it were nine times as large as that of a full grown Turkey; and put a Bit of Bread into her Mouth, as big as two *Twelve-Penny* Loaves. She drank, out of a Golden Cup, above a Hogſhead at a Draught. Her Knives were twice as long as a Scythe, ſet ſtrait upon the Handle. The Spoons, Forks, and other Inſtruments, were all in the ſame Proportion. I remember, when *Glumdalclitch* carried me

* Among other dreadful and diſguſting Images which Cuſtom has rendered familiar are thoſe which ariſe from eating Animal Food: He who has ever turned with Abhorrence from the Skeleton of a Beaſt which has been picked whole by Birds or Vermin, muſt confeſs that Habit only could have enabled him to endure the Sight of the mangled Bones and Fleſh of a dead Carcaſe which every Day cover his Table: And he who reflects on the Number of Lives that have been ſacrificed to ſuſtain his own, ſhould enquire by what the Account has been balanced, and whether his Life is become proportionably of more Value by the Exerciſe of Virtue and Piety, by the ſuperior Happineſs which he has communicated to reaſonable Beings, and by the Glory which his Intellect has aſcribed to God.

out of Curiosity to see some of the Tables at Court, where ten or a dozen of these enormous Knives and Forks were lifted up together. I thought I had never, till then, beheld so terrible a Sight.

It is the Custom, that every *Wednesday* (which, as I have before observed, was their Sabbath) the King and Queen, with the Royal Issue of both Sexes, dine together in the Apartment of his Majesty, to whom I was now become a great Favourite; and at these Times my little Chair and Table were placed at his Left Hand, before one of the Salt-Cellars. This Prince took a Pleasure in conversing with me, inquiring into the Manners, Religion, Laws, Government, and Learning of *Europe*; wherein I gave him the best Account I was able. His Apprehension was so clear, and his Judgment so exact, that he made very wise Reflections and Observations upon all I said. But I confess, that after I had been a little too copious in Talking of my own beloved Country, of our Trade, and Wars by Sea and Land, of our Schisms in Religion, and Parties in the State; the Prejudices of his Education prevailed so far, that he could not forbear taking me

up in his Right Hand, and ſtroaking me gently with the other, after an hearty Fit of Laughing, aſked me, whether I was a *Whig* or *Tory?* Then turning to his firſt Miniſter, who waited behind him with a white Staff, near as tall as the Main-maſt of the *Royal Sovereign*, he obſerved how contemptible a Thing was human Grandeur, which could be mimicked by ſuch diminutive Inſects as I: And yet, ſays he, I dare engage, theſe Creatures have their Titles and Diſtinctions of Honour, they contrive little Neſts and Burrows, that they call Houſes and Cities; they make a Figure in Dreſs and Equipage; they love, they fight, they diſpute, they cheat, they betray. And thus he continued on, while my Colour came and went ſeveral Times with Indignation, to hear our noble Country, the Miſtreſs of Arts and Arms, the Scourge of *France*, the Arbitreſs of *Europe*, the Seat of Virtue, Piety, Honour, and Truth, the Pride and Envy of the World, ſo contemptuouſly treated.

But as I was not in a Condition to reſent Injuries, ſo, upon mature Thoughts, I began to doubt whether I was injured or no. For, after having been accuſ-

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tomed ſeveral Months to the Sight and Converſe of this People, and obſerved every Object, upon which I caſt mine Eyes, to be of proportionable Magnitude, the Horror I had at firſt conceived, from their Bulk and Aſpect, was ſo far worn off, that if I had then beheld a Company of *Engliſh* Lords and Ladies in their Finery, and Birth-Day Cloaths, acting their ſeveral Parts in the moſt courtly Manner, of ſtrutting, and bowing, and prating; to ſay the Truth, I ſhould have been ſtrongly tempted to laugh as much at them, as the King and his Grandees did at me. Neither, indeed, could I forbear ſmiling at myſelf, when the Queen uſed to place me upon her Hand towards a Looking-Glaſs, by which both our Perſons appeared before me in full View together; and there could nothing be more ridiculous than the Compariſon: So that I really began to imagine myſelf dwindled many Degrees below my uſual Size.

Nothing angered and mortified me ſo much as the Queen's Dwarf, who being of the loweſt Stature that was ever in that Country (for I verily think he was not full thirty Feet high) became ſo inſo-

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lent at seeing a Creature so much beneath him, that he would always affect to swagger and look big as he passed by me in the Queen's Anti-Chamber, while I was standing on some Table talking with the Lords or Ladies of the Court, and he seldom failed of a smart Word or two upon my Littleness; against which I could only revenge myself by calling him Brother, challenging him to wrestle, and such Repartees as are usual in the Mouths of *Court Pages*. One Day, at Dinner, this malicious little Cubb was so nettled with something I had said to him, that, raising himself upon the Frame of her Majesty's Chair, he took me up by the Middle, as I was sitting down, not thinking any Harm, and let me drop into a large Silver Bowl of Cream, and then ran away as fast as he could. I fell over Head and Ears, and, if I had not been a good Swimmer, it might have gone very hard with me; for *Glumdalclitch*, in that Instant, happened to be at the other End of the Room, and the Queen was in such a Fright, that she wanted Presence of Mind to assist me. But my little Nurse ran to my Relief, and took me out, after I swallowed

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above a Quart of Cream. I was put to Bed; however, I received no other Damage than the Loſs of a Suit of Cloaths, which was utterly ſpoiled. The Dwarf was ſoundly whipped, and, as a farther Puniſhment, forced to drink up the Bowl of Cream, into which he had thrown me; neither was he ever reſtored to Favour: For, ſoon after, the Queen beſtowed him on a Lady of high Quality, ſo that I ſaw him no more to my very great Satisfaction; for I could not tell to what Extremity ſuch a malicious Urchin might have carried his Reſentment.

He had before ſerved me a ſcurvy Trick, which ſet the Queen a laughing, although at the ſame Time ſhe was heartily vexed, and would have immediately caſhiered him, if I had not been ſo generous as to intercede. Her Majeſty had taken a Marrow-Bone upon her Plate, and, after knocking out the Marrow, placed the Bone again in the Diſh erect, as it ſtood before; the Dwarf watching his Opportunity, while *Glumdalclitch* was gone to the Side-Board, mounted the Stool ſhe ſtood on to take Care of me at Meals, took me up in both Hands, and, ſqueeſing my Legs together, wedg-

ed them into the Marrow-Bone above my Waiſt, where I ſtuck for ſome Time, and made a very ridiculous Figure. I believe it was near a Minute before any one knew what was become of me; for I thought it below me to cry out. But, as Princes ſeldom get their Meat hot, my Legs were not ſcalded, only my Stockings and Breeches in a ſad Condition. The Dwarf, at my Entreaty, had no other Puniſhment than a ſound Whipping.

I was frequently rallied by the Queen upon Account of my Fearfulneſs; and ſhe uſed to aſk me, whether the People of my Country were as great Cowards as myſelf? The Occaſion was this: The Kingdom is much peſtered with Flies in Summer; and theſe odious Inſects, each of them as big as a *Dunſtable* Lark, hardly gave me any Reſt while I ſat at Dinner, with their continual humming and buzzing about mine Ears. They would ſometimes alight upon my Victuals, and leave their loathſome Excrement or Spawn behind, which to me was very viſible, though not to the Natives of that Country, whoſe large Opticks were not ſo acute as mine in viewing ſmaller Objects.

jects. Sometimes they would fix upon my Nose or Forehead, where they stung me to the Quick, smelling very offensively; and I could easily trace that viscous Matter, which, our Naturalists tell us, enable those Creatures to walk with their Feet upwards upon a Cieling. I had much ado to defend myself against these detestable Animals, and could not forbear starting when they came on my Face. It was the common Practice of the Dwarf to catch a Number of these Insects in his Hand, as School-boys do among us, and let them out suddenly under my Nose, on Purpose to frighten me, and divert the Queen. My Remedy was to cut them in Pieces with my Knife, as they flew in the Air, wherein my Dexterity was much admired.

I remember, one Morning when *Glumdalclitch* had set me in my Box upon a Window, as she usually did in fair Days to give me Air (for I durst not venture to let the Box be hung on a Nail out of the Window, as we do with Cages in *England*) after I had lifted up one of my Sashes, and sat down at my Table to eat a Piece of sweet Cake for my Breakfast, above twenty Wasps, allured

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by the Smell, came flying into the Room, humming louder than the Drones of as many Bag-pipes. Some of them seized my Cake, and carried it Piece-meal away; others flew about my Head and Face, confounding me with the Noise, and putting me in the utmost Terror of their Stings. However, I had the Courage to rise and draw my Hanger, and attack them in the Air. I dispatched four of them, but the rest got away, and I presently shut my Window. These Insects were as large as Partridges; I took out their Stings, found them an Inch and a half long, and as sharp as Needles. I carefully preserved them all, and having since shewn them with some other Curiosities, in several Parts of *Europe*; upon my Return to *England*, I gave three of them to *Gresham-College*, and kept the fourth for myself.

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CHAP. IV.

The Country described. A Proposal for correcting modern Maps. The King's Palace, and some Account of the Metropolis. The Author's Way of Travelling. The chief Temple described.

I Now intend to give the Reader a short Description of this Country, as far as I travelled in it, which was not above two thousand Miles round *Lorbrulgrud*, the Metropolis. For the Queen, whom I always attended, never went farther when she accompanied the King in his Progresses, and there staid till his Majesty returned from viewing his Frontiers. The whole Extent of this Prince's Dominions reacheth about six thousand Miles in Length, and from three to five in Breadth. From whence I cannot but conclude, that our Geographers of *Europe* are in a great Error, by supposing nothing but Sea between *Japan* and *California*; for it was ever my Opinion, that there must be a Balance of Earth

to counterpoiſe the great Continent of *Tartary*; and therefore they ought to correct their Maps and Charts, by joining this vaſt Tract of Land to the North-weſt Parts of *America*, wherein I ſhall be ready to lend them my Aſſiſtance.

The Kingdom is a Peninſula, terminated to the North-eaſt by a Ridge of Mountains thirty Miles high, which are altogether impaſſable, by Reaſon of the Volcanoes upon the Tops. Neither do the moſt Learned know what Sort of Mortals inhabit beyond thoſe Mountains, or whether they be inhabited at all. On the three other Sides it is bounded by the Ocean. There is not one Sea-port in the whole Kingdom, and thoſe Parts of the Coaſts into which the Rivers iſſue, are ſo full of pointed Rocks, and the Sea generally ſo rough, that there is no venturing with the ſmalleſt of their Boats, ſo that theſe People are wholly excluded from any Commerce with the reſt of the World. But the large Rivers are full of Veſſels, and abound with excellent Fiſh, for they ſeldom get any from the Sea, becauſe the Sea-Fiſh are of the ſame Size with thoſe in *Europe*, and conſequently not worth catching; where-

whereby it is manifeſt, that Nature in the Production of Plants and Animals of ſo extraordinary a Bulk is wholly confined to this Continent, of which I leave the Reaſons to be determined by Philoſophers. However, now and then they take a Whale that happens to be daſhed againſt the Rocks, which the common People feed on heartily. Theſe Whales I have known ſo large that a Man could hardly carry one upon his Shoulders; and ſometimes for Curioſity they are brought in Hampers to *Lorbrulgrud*: I ſaw one of them in a Diſh at the King's Table, which paſſed for a Rarity, but I did not obſerve he was fond of it; for I think indeed the Bigneſs diſguſted him, although I have ſeen one ſomewhat larger in *Greenland*.

The Country is well inhabited, for it contains fifty-one Cities, near an hundred walled Towns, and a great Number of Villages. To ſatisfy my curious Reader, it may be ſufficient to deſcribe *Lorbrulgrud*. This City ſtands upon almoſt two equal Parts on each Side the River that paſſes through. It contains above eighty-thouſand Houſes, and about ſix-hundred-thouſand Inhabitants. It is in Length

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three *Glomglungs* (which make about fifty-four *Engliſh* Miles) and two and a half in Breadth, as I meaſured it myſelf in the Royal Map made by the King's Order, which was laid on the Ground on Purpoſe for me, and extended an hundred Feet; I paced the Diameter and Circumference ſeveral Times bare-foot, and, computing by the Scale, meaſured it pretty exactly.

The King's Palace is no regular Edifice, but an Heap of Building about ſeven Miles round: The chief Rooms are generally two hundred and forty Feet high, and broad and long in Proportion. A Coach was allowed to *Glumdalclitch* and me, wherein her Governeſs frequently took her out to ſee the Town, or go among the Shops; and I was always of the Party, carried in my Box; although the Girl at my own Deſire would often take me out, and hold me in her Hand, that I might more conveniently view the Houſes and the People, as we paſſed along the Streets. I reckoned our Coach to be about a Square of *Weſtminſter-hall*, but not altogether ſo high: However, I cannot be very exact. One Day the Governeſs ordered

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our Coachman to ſtop at ſeveral Shops, where the Beggars, watching their Opportunity, crouded to the Sides of the Coach, and gave me the moſt horrible Spectacles that ever an *European* Eye beheld. There was a Woman with a Cancer in her Breaſt, ſwelled to a monſtrous Size, full of Holes, in two or three of which I could have eaſily crept, and covered my whole Body. There was a Fellow with a Wen in his Neck, larger than five Woolpacks, and another with a couple of Wooden Legs, each about twenty Feet high. But the moſt hateful Sight of all was the Lice crawling on their Cloaths. I could ſee diſtinctly the Limbs of theſe Vermin with my naked Eye, much better than thoſe of an *European* Louſe thro' a Microſcope, and their Snouts with which they routed like Swine. They were the firſt I had ever beheld, and I ſhould have been curious enough to diſſect one of them, if I had proper Inſtruments (which I unluckily left behind me in the Ship) although indeed the Sight was ſo nauſeous, that it perfectly turned my Stomach.

Beſide the large Box in which I was uſually carried, the Queen ordered a

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ſmaller one to be made for me, of about twelve Feet ſquare and ten high, for the Convenience of Travelling, becauſe the other was ſomewhat too large for *Glumdalclitch*'s Lap, and cumberſome in the Coach; it was made by the ſame Artiſt, whom I directed in the whole Contrivance. This Travelling Cloſet was an exact Square with a Window in the Middle of three of the Squares, and each Window was latticed with Iron Wire on the Outſide, to prevent Accidents in long Journies. On the fourth Side, which had no Window, two ſtrong Staples were fixed, through which the Perſon that carried me, when I had a Mind to be on Horſeback, put in a Leathern Belt, and buckled it about his Waiſt. This was always the Office of ſome grave truſty Servant in whom I could confide, whether I attended the King and Queen in their Progreſſes, or were diſpoſed to ſee the Gardens, or pay a Viſit to ſome great Lady or Miniſter of State in the Court, when *Glumdalclitch* happened to be out of Order: For I ſoon began to be known and eſteemed among the greateſt Officers, I ſuppoſe more upon Account of their Majeſty's Favour than

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any Merit of my own. In Journies, when I was weary of the Coach, a Servant on Horſe-back would buckle my Box, and place it on a Cuſhion before him; and there I had a full Proſpect of the Country on three Sides from the three Windows. I had in this Cloſet a Field-bed and a Hammock hung from the Cieling, two Chairs and a Table, neatly ſcrewed to the Floor, to prevent being toſſed about by the Agitation of the Horſe or the Coach. And having been long uſed to Sea-Voyages, thoſe Motions, although ſometimes very violent, did not much diſcompoſe me.

Whenever I had a Mind to ſee the Town, it was always in my Travelling-Cloſet, which *Glumdalclitch* held in her Lap in a Kind of open Sedan, after the Faſhion of the Country, borne by four Men, and attended by two others in the Queen's Livery. The People, who had often heard of me, were very curious to croud about the Sedan, and the Girl was complaiſant enough to make the Bearers ſtop, and to take me in her Hand that I might be more conveniently ſeen.

I was very deſirous to ſee the chief Temple, and particularly the Tower

belonging to it, which is reckoned the higheſt in the Kingdom. Accordingly one Day my Nurſe carried me thither, but I may truly ſay I came back diſappointed; for the Height is not above three thouſand Feet, reckoning from the Ground to the higheſt Pinnacle Top; which, allowing for the Difference between the Size of thoſe People, and us in *Europe*, is no great Matter for Admiration, nor at all equal in Proportion (if I rightly remember) to *Saliſbury* Steeple. But, not to detract from a Nation to which during my Life I ſhall acknowledge myſelf extremely obliged, it muſt be allowed that whatever this famous Tower wants in Height is amply made up in Beauty and Strength. For the Walls are near an hundred Feet thick, built of hewn Stone; whereof each is about forty Feet ſquare, and adorned on all Sides with Statues of Gods and Emperors cut in Marble larger than the Life, placed in their ſeveral Niches. I meaſured a little Finger which had fallen down from one of the Statues, and lay unperceived among ſome Rubbiſh, and found it exactly four Feet and an Inch in Length. *Glumdalclitch* wrapped it up

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in her Handkerchief; and carried it Home in her Pocket to keep among other Trinkets, of which the Girl was very fond, as Children at her Age uſually are.

The King's Kitchen is indeed a noble Building, vaulted at Top, and about ſix hundred Feet high. The great Oven is not ſo wide by ten Paces as the Cupola of St. *Paul*'s: For I meaſured the latter on Purpoſe after my Return. But if I ſhould deſcribe the Kitchen-grate, the prodigious Pots and Kettles, the Joints of Meat turning on the Spits, with many other Particulars, perhaps I ſhould be hardly believed; at leaſt a ſevere Critick would be apt to think I enlarged a little, as Travellers are often ſuſpected to do. To avoid which Cenſure, I fear I have run too much into the other Extream; and that if this Treatiſe ſhould happen to be tranſlated into the Language of *Brobdingnag*, (which is the general Name of that Kingdom) and tranſmitted thither, the King and his People would have Reaſon to complain that I had done them an Injury by a falſe and diminutive Repreſentation.

His Majeſty ſeldom keeps above ſix hundred Horſes in his Stables: They are generally from fifty-four to ſixty Feet high. But, when he goes Abroad on ſolemn Days, he is attended for State by a Militia Guard of five hundred Horſe, which indeed I thought was the moſt ſplendid Sight that could be ever beheld, till I ſaw Part of his Army in Battalia, whereof I ſhall find another Occaſion to ſpeak.

CHAP. V.

Several Adventures that happened to the Author. The Execution of a Criminal. The Author ſhews his Skill in Navigation.

I Should have lived happy enough in that Country, if my Littleneſs had not expoſed me to ſeveral ridiculous and troubleſome Accidents: Some of which I ſhall venture to relate. *Glumdalclitch* often carried me into the Gardens of the Court in my ſmaller Box, and would ſometimes take me out of it, and hold me in her Hand, or ſet me down to walk. I remember, before the Dwarf left

left the Queen, he followed us one Day into thoſe Gardens, and my Nurſe having ſet me down, he and I being cloſe together, near ſome Dwarf Apple Trees, I muſt needs ſhew my Wit, by a ſilly Alluſion between him and the Trees, which happens to hold in their Language, as it doth in ours. Whereupon, the malicious Rogue watching his Opportunity, when I was walking under one of them, ſhook it directly over my Head, by which a dozen Apples, each of them near as large as a *Briſtol* Barrel, came tumbling about my Ears; one of them hit me on the Back as I chanced to ſtoop, and knocked me down flat on my Face; but I received no other Hurt, and the Dwarf was pardoned at my Deſire, becauſe I had given the Provocation.

Another Day *Glumdalclitch* left me on a ſmooth Graſs-plat to divert myſelf, while ſhe walked at ſome Diſtance with her Governeſs. In the mean Time there ſuddenly fell ſuch a violent Shower of Hail, that I was immediately, by the Force of it, ſtruck to the Ground: And, when I was down, the Hail-ſtones gave me ſuch cruel Bangs all over the Body,

as if I had been pelted with Tennis Balls; however, I made a Shift to creep on all four, and ſhelter myſelf, by lying flat on my Face, on the Lee-ſide of a Border of Lemon Thyme, but ſo bruiſed from Head to Foot, that I could not go Abroad in ten Days. Neither is this at all to be wondered at, becauſe, Nature in that Country obſerving the ſame Proportion through all her Operations, a Hail-ſtone is near eighteen Hundred Times as large as one in *Europe*, which I can aſſert upon Experience, having been ſo curious to weigh and meaſure them.

But a more dangerous Accident happened to me in the ſame Garden, when my little Nurſe believing ſhe had put me in a ſecure Place, which I often entreated her to do, that I might enjoy my own Thoughts, and having left my Box at Home to avoid the Trouble of carrying it, went to another Part of the Garden with her Governeſs, and ſome Ladies of her Acquaintance. While ſhe was abſent, and out of Hearing, a ſmall white Spaniel belonging to one of the chief Gardeners, having got by Accident into the Garden, happened to range near the Place, where I lay: The Dog, following the Scent,

Scent, came directly up, and, taking me in his Mouth, ran ſtrait to his Maſter, wagging his Tail, and ſet me gently on the Ground. By good Fortune he had been ſo well taught, that I was carried between his Teeth without the leaſt Hurt, or even tearing my Cloaths. But the poor Gardener, who knew me well, and had a great Kindneſs for me, was in a terrible Fright: He gently took me up in both his Hands, and aſked me how I did; but I was ſo amazed and out of Breath, that I could not ſpeak a Word. In a few Minutes I came to myſelf, and he carried me ſafe to my little Nurſe, who by this Time had returned to the Place where ſhe left me, and was in cruel Agonies when I did not appear, nor anſwer when ſhe called: She ſeverely reprimanded the Gardener on Account of his Dog. But the Thing was huſhed up, and never known at Court; for the Girl was afraid of the Queen's Anger, and truly as to myſelf, I thought it would not be for my Reputation that ſuch a Story ſhould go about.

This Accident abſolutely determined *Glumdalclitch* never to truſt me Abroad for the future out of her Sight. I had

been long afraid of this Reſolution, and therefore concealed from her ſome little unlucky Adventures that happened in thoſe Times when I was left by myſelf. Once a Kite, hovering over the Garden, made a Stoop at me, and if I had not reſolutely drawn my Hanger, and run under a thick Eſpalier, he would have certainly carried me away in his Talons. Another Time, walking to the Top of a freſh Mole-hill, I fell to my Neck in the Hole, through which that Animal had caſt up the Earth, and coined ſome Lye not worth remembering, to excuſe myſelf for ſpoiling my Cloaths. I likewiſe broke my right Shin againſt the Shell of a Snail, which I happened to ſtumble over, as I was walking alone, and thinking on poor *England*.

I cannot tell whether I were more pleaſed or mortified, to obſerve in thoſe ſolitary Walks, that the ſmaller Birds did not appear to be at all afraid of me, but would hop about within a Yard's Diſtance, looking for Worms, and other Food, with as much Indifference and Security, as if no Creature at all were near them. I remember a Thruſh had the Confidence to ſnatch out of my Hand,

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with his Bill, a Piece of Cake that *Glumdalclitch* had juſt given me for my Breakfaſt. When I attempted to catch any of theſe Birds, they would boldly turn againſt me, endeavouring to pick my Fingers, which I durſt not venture within their Reach; and then they would hop back unconcerned, to hunt for Worms or Snails, as they did before. But one Day I took a thick Cudgel, and threw it with all my Strength ſo luckily at a Linnet, that I knocked him down, and, ſeizing him by the Neck with both my Hands, ran with him in Triumph to my Nurſe. However, the Bird, who had only been ſtunned, recovering himſelf, gave me ſo many Boxes with his Wings on both Sides of my Head and Body, though I held him at Arms Length, and was out of the Reach of his Claws, that I was twenty Times thinking to let him go. But I was ſoon relieved by one of our Servants, who wrung off the Bird's Neck, and I had him next Day for Dinner by the Queen's Command. This Linnet, as near as I can remember, ſeemed to be ſomewhat larger than an *England* Swan.

The Maids of Honour often invited

Glumdalclitch to their Apartments, and desired she would bring me along with her, on Purpose to have the Pleasure of seeing and touching me. They would often strip me naked from Top to Toe, and lay me at full Length in their Bosoms; wherewith I was much disgusted; because, to say the Truth, a very offensive Smell came from their Skins; which I do not mention, or intend, to the Disadvantage of those excellent Ladies, for whom I have all Manner of Respect; but I conceive that my Sense was more acute, in Proportion to my Littleness, and that those illustrious Persons were no more disagreeable to their Lovers, or to each other, than People of the same Quality are with us in *England*. And, after all, I found their natural Smell was much more supportable than when they used Perfumes, under which I immediately swooned away. I cannot forget, that an intimate Friend of mine in *Lilliput* took the Freedom in a warm Day, when I had used a good deal of Exercise, to complain of a strong Smell about me, although I am as little faulty that Way, as most of my Sex: But I suppose his Faculty of Smelling was as nice, with

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Regard to me, as mine was to that of this People. Upon this Point, I cannot forbear doing Juſtice to the Queen my Miſtreſs, and *Glumdalclitch* my Nurſe, whoſe Perſons were as ſweet as thoſe of any Lady in *England*.

That which gave the moſt Uneaſineſs among theſe Maids of Honour (when my Nurſe carried me to viſit them) was to ſee them uſe me without any Manner of Ceremony, like a Creature who had no Sort of Conſequence; for they would ſtrip themſelves to the Skin, and put on their Smocks in my Preſence, while I was placed on the Toylet, directly before their naked Bodies, which, I am ſure, to me, was very far from being a tempting Sight, or from giving me any other Emotions, than thoſe of Horror and Diſguſt. Their Skins appeared ſo coarſe and uneven, ſo variouſly coloured, when I ſaw them near, with a Mole here and there, as broad as a Trencher, and Hairs hanging from it thicker than Packthreads, to ſay nothing farther concerning the reſt of their Perſons. Neither did they at all ſcruple, while I was by, to diſcharge what they had drank, to the Quantity of at leaſt two Hogſheads, in

a Veſſel that held above three Tuns. The handſomeſt among theſe Maids of Honour, a pleaſant, frolickſome Girl of ſixteen, would ſometimes ſet me aſtride upon one of her Nipples, with many other Tricks, wherein the Reader will excuſe me for not being over particular. But I was ſo much diſpleaſed, that I entreated *Glumdalclitch* to contrive ſome Excuſe for not ſeeing that young Lady any more.

One Day a young Gentleman, who was Nephew to my Nurſe's Governeſs, came and preſſed them both to ſee an Execution. It was of a Man who had murdered one of that Gentleman's intimate Acquaintance. *Glumdalclitch* was prevailed on to be of the Company, very much againſt her Inclination, for ſhe was naturally tender-hearted: And, as for myſelf, although I abhorred ſuch Kind of Spectacles, yet my Curioſity tempted me to ſee ſomething that I thought muſt be extraordinary. The Malefactor was fixed in a Chair upon a Scaffold erected for that Purpoſe, and his Head cut off at one Blow, with a Sword of about forty Feet long. The Veins and Arteries ſpouted up ſuch a prodigious

prodigious Quantity of Blood, and ſo high in the Air, that the great *Jett d'eau* at *Verſailles* was not equal for the Time it laſted; and the Head, when it fell on the Scaffold Floor, gave ſuch a Bounce, as made me ſtart, although I were at leaſt half an *Engliſh* Mile diſtant.

The Queen, who often uſed to hear me talk of my Sea-Voyages, and took all Occaſions to divert me when I was melancholy, aſked me whether I underſtood how to handle a Sail, or an Oar, and whether a little Exerciſe of Rowing might not be convenient for my Health; I anſwered, that I underſtood both very well: For, although my proper Employment had been to be Surgeon or Doctor to the Ship, yet often, upon a Pinch, I was forced to work like a common Mariner. But I could not ſee how this could be done in their Country, where the ſmalleſt Wherry was equal to a Firſt-rate Man of War among us, and ſuch a Boat as I could manage, would never live in any of their Rivers. Her Majeſty ſaid, if I would contrive a Boat, her own Joiner ſhould make it, and ſhe would provide a Place for me to ſail in. The Fellow was an ingenious Workman, and,

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by my Inſtructions, in ten Days, finiſhed a Pleaſure-boat, with all its Tackling, able conveniently to hold eight *Europeans*. When it was finiſhed, the Queen was ſo delighted, that ſhe ran with it in her Lap to the King, who ordered it to be put in a Ciſtern full of Water, with me in it, by Way of Trial; where I could not manage my two Sculls or little Oars, for Want of Room. But the Queen had before contrived another Project: She ordered the Joiner to make a Wooden Trough of three hundred Feet long, fifty broad, and eight deep; which being well pitched, to prevent Leaking, was placed on the Floor along the Wall, in an outer Room of the Palace. It had a Cock near the Bottom, to let out the Water when it began to grow ſtale, and two Servants could eaſily fill it in half an Hour. Here I often uſed to row for my own Diverſion, as well as that of the Queen and her Ladies, who thought themſelves well entertained with my Skill and Agility. Sometimes I would put up my Sail, and then my Buſineſs was only to ſteer, while the Ladies gave me a Gale with their Fans; and, when they were weary, ſome of the Pa-

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ges would blow my Sail forward with their Breath, while I ſhewed my Art by ſteering Starboard or Larboard, as I pleaſed. When I had done, *Glumdalclitch* always carried back my Boat into her Cloſet, and hung it on a Nail to dry.

In this Exerciſe I once met an Accident, which had like to have coſt me my Life: For, one of the Pages having put my Boat into the Trough, the Governeſs who attended *Glumdalclitch*, very officiouſly lifted me up to place me in the Boat, but I happened to ſlip through her Fingers, and ſhould infallibly have fallen down forty Feet upon the Floor, if, by the luckieſt Chance in the World, I had not been ſtopped by a Corking-pin that ſtuck in the good Gentlewoman's Stomacher; the Head of the Pin paſſed between my Shirt and the Waiſtband of my Breeches, and thus I was held by the Middle in the Air, till *Glumdalclitch* ran to my Relief.

Another Time, one of the Servants, whoſe Office it was to fill my Trough every third Day with freſh Water, was ſo careleſs to let a huge Frog (not perceiving it) ſlip out of his Pail. The

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Frog lay concealed till I was put into my Boat, but then, ſeeing a Reſting-place, climbed up, and made it lean ſo much on one Side, that I was forced to balance it with all my Weight on the other, to prevent Overturning. When the Frog was got in, it hopped at once half the Length of the Boat, and then over my Head, backwards and forwards, daubing my Face and Cloaths with its odious Slime. The Largeneſs of its Features made it appear the moſt deformed Animal that can be conceived. However, I deſired *Glumdalclitch* to let me deal with it alone. I banged it a good While with one of my Sculls, and at laſt forced it to leap out of the Boat.

But the greateſt Danger I ever underwent, in that Kingdom, was from a Monkey, who belonged to one of the Clerks of the Kitchen. *Glumdalclitch* had locked me up in her Cloſet, while ſhe went ſomewhere upon Buſineſs, or a Viſit. The Weather being very warm, the Cloſet-Window was left open, as well as the Windows and the Door of my bigger Box, in which I uſually lived, becauſe of its Largeneſs and Conveniency. As I ſat quietly meditating at my Table, I heard

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ſomething bounce in at the Cloſet-Window, and ſkip about from one Side to the other; whereat, altho' I were much alarmed, yet I ventured to look out, but not ſtirring from my Seat; and then I ſaw this frolickſome Animal, friſking and leaping up and down, till at laſt he came to my Box, which he ſeemed to view with great Pleaſure and Curioſity, peeping in at the Door and every Window. I retreated to the farther Corner of my Room, or Box; but the Monkey looking in, at every Side, put me into ſuch a Fright, that I wanted Preſence of Mind to conceal myſelf under the Bed, as I might have eaſily done. After ſome Time ſpent in peeping, grinning, and chattering, he at laſt eſpied me, and reaching one of his Paws in at the Door, as a Cat does when ſhe plays with a Mouſe, although I often ſhifted Place to avoid him, he at length ſeized the Lappet of my Coat (which, being made of that Country Silk, was very thick and ſtrong) and dragged me out. He took me up in his right Fore-foot, and held me as a Nurſe does a Child ſhe is going to ſuckle, juſt as I have ſeen the ſame Sort of Creature do with a Kitten

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in *Europe*: And, when I offered to ſtruggle, he ſqueeſed me ſo hard, that I thought it more prudent to ſubmit. I have good Reaſon to believe, that he took me for a young one of his own Species, by his often ſtroaking my Face very gently with his other Paw. In theſe Diverſions, he was interrupted by a Noiſe at the Cloſet-Door, as if ſome Body were opening it; whereupon he ſuddenly leaped up to the Window, at which he had come in, and thence upon the Leads and Gutters, walking upon three Legs, and holding me in the fourth, till he clambered up to a Roof that was next to ours. I heard *Glumdalclitch* give a Shriek at the Moment he was carrying me out. The poor Girl was almoſt diſtracted: That Quarter of the Palace was all in an Uproar, the Servants ran for Ladders; the Monkey was ſeen by Hundreds in the Court, ſitting upon the Ridge of a Building, holding me like a Baby in one of his Fore-paws, and feeding me with the other, by cramming into my Mouth ſome Victuals he had ſqueeſed out of the Bag on one Side of his Chaps, and patting me when I would not eat; whereat many of the Rabble

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below could not forbear laughing; neither do I think they juſtly ought to be blamed, for, without Queſtion, the Sight was ridiculous enough to every Body but myſelf. Some of the People threw up Stones, hoping to drive the Monkey down; but this was ſtrictly forbidden, or elſe, very probably, my Brains had been daſhed out.

The Ladders were now applied, and mounted by ſeveral Men, which the Monkey obſerving, and finding himſelf almoſt encompaſſed; not being able to make Speed enough with his three Legs, let me drop on a Ridge-tyle, and made his Eſcape. Here I ſat for ſome Time, five hundred Yards from the Ground, expecting every Moment to be blown down by the Wind, or to fall by my own Giddineſs, and come tumbling over and over from the Ridge to the Eves: But an honeſt Lad, one of my Nurſe's Footmen, climbed up, and, putting me into his Breeches-pocket, brought me down ſafe.

I was almoſt choaked with the filthy Stuff the Monkey had crammed down my Throat; but my dear little Nurſe picked it out of my Mouth with a ſmall

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Needle, and then I fell a vomiting, which gave me great Relief. Yet I was ſo weak, and bruiſed in the Sides, with the Squeeſes given me by this odious Animal, that I was forced to keep my Bed a Fortnight. The King, Queen, and all the Court, ſent every Day to enquire after my Health, and her Majeſty made me ſeveral Viſits during my Sickneſs. The Monkey was killed, and an Order made, that no ſuch Animal ſhould be kept about the Palace.

When I attended the King after my Recovery, to return him Thanks for his Favours, he was pleaſed to rally me a good deal upon this Adventure. He aſked me what my Thoughts and Speculations were, while I lay in the Monkey's Paw; how I liked the Victuals he gave me; his Manner of Feeding; and whether the freſh Air on the Roof had ſharpened my Stomach. He deſired to know what I would have done upon ſuch an Occaſion in my own Country. I told his Majeſty, that in *Europe* we had no Monkies, except ſuch as were brought for Curioſities from other Places, and ſo ſmall that I could deal with a Dozen of them together, if they pre-

fumed to attack me. And as for that monſtrous Animal with whom I was ſo lately engaged (it was, indeed, as large as an Elephant) if my Fears had ſuffered me to think ſo far as to make Uſe of my Hanger (looking fiercely, and clapping my Hand upon the Hilt as I ſpoke) when he poked his Paw into my Chamber, perhaps I ſhould have given him ſuch a Wound, as would have made him glad to withdraw it with more Haſte than he put it in. This I delivered in a firm Tone, like a Perſon who was jealous, leſt his Courage ſhould be called in Queſtion. However, my Speech produced nothing elſe, beſides a loud Laughter, which all the Reſpect due to his Majeſty, from thoſe about him, could not make them contain. This made me reflect, how vain an Attempt it is for a Man to endeavour doing himſelf Honour among thoſe who are out of all Degree of Equality or Compariſon with him. And yet I have ſeen the Moral of my own Behaviour very frequent in *England* ſince my Return, where a little contemptible Varlet, without the leaſt Title to Birth, Perſon, Wit, or common Senſe, ſhall preſume to look with Importance,

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and put himſelf upon a Foot with the greateſt Perſons in the Kingdom.

I was every Day furniſhing the Court with ſome ridiculous Story; and *Glumdalclitch*, although ſhe loved me to Exceſs, yet was arch enough to inform the Queen, whenever I committed any Folly that ſhe thought would be diverting to her Majeſty. The Girl, who had been out of Order, was carried by her Governeſs to take the Air about an Hour's Diſtance, or thirty Miles from Town. They alighted out of the Coach near a ſmall Foot-path in the Field, and, *Glumdalclitch* ſetting down my Travelling-Box, I went out of it to walk. There was a Cow-dung in the Path, and I muſt needs try my Activity, by attempting to leap over it. I took a Run, but unfortunately jumped ſhort, and found myſelf juſt in the Middle up to my Knees. I waded through with ſome Difficulty, and one of the Footmen wiped me as clean as he could with his Handkerchief; for I was filthily bemired, and my Nurſe confined me to my Box, till we returned Home; where the Queen was ſoon informed of what had paſſed, and the Footman ſpread it about

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the Court; ſo that all the Mirth, for ſome Days, was at my Expence.

CHAP. VI *.

Several Contrivances of the Author to pleaſe the King and Queen. He ſhews his Skill in Muſick. The King enquires into the State of Europe, *which the Author relates to him. The King's Obſervations thereon.*

I Uſed to attend the King's Levee once or twice a Week, and had often ſeen him under the Barber's Hand, which, indeed, was, at firſt, very terrible to behold: For the Razor was almoſt twice as long as an ordinary Scythe. His Majeſty, according to the Cuſtom of the

* In this Chapter he gives an Account of the political State of *Europe*. ORRERY.

This is a Miſtake of the noble Commentator, for *Gulliver* has here given a political Account of no Country but *England*: It is however a Miſtake to which any Commentator would have been liable, who had read little more than the Titles or Contents of the Chapters, into which this Work is divided; for the Word *Europe* has in ſome *Engliſh*, and all the *Iriſh*, Editions been printed in the Title of this Chapter inſtead of *England*.

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Country was only ſhaved twice a Week. I once prevailed on the Barber to give me ſome of the Suds or Lather, out of which I picked forty or fifty of the ſtrongeſt Stumps of Hair. I then took a Piece of fine Wood, and cut it like the Back of a Comb, making ſeveral Holes in it at equal Diſtance, with as ſmall a Needle as I could get from *Glumdalclitch*. I fixed in the Stumps ſo artificially, ſcraping and ſloping them with my Knife towards the Points, that I made a very tolerable Comb; which was a ſeaſonable Supply, my own being ſo much broken in the Teeth, that it was almoſt uſeleſs: Neither did I know any Artiſt in that Country ſo nice and exact, as would undertake to make me another.

And this puts me in Mind of an Amuſement wherein I ſpent many of my leiſure Hours. I deſired the Queen's Woman to ſave for me the Combings of her Majeſty's Hair, whereof in Time I got a good Quantity, and conſulting with my Friend the Cabinet-maker, who had received general Orders to do little Jobbs for me, I directed him to make two Chair-Frames, no larger than thoſe I had in my Box, and then to bore little Holes with

with a fine Awl round thoſe Parts where I deſigned the Backs and Seats; through theſe Holes I wove the ſtrongeſt Hairs I could pick out, juſt after the Manner of Cane Chairs in *England*. When they were finiſhed, I made a Preſent of them to her Majeſty, who kept them in her Cabinet, and uſed to ſhew them for Curioſities, as, indeed, they were the Wonder of every one that beheld them. The Queen would have had me ſit upon one of theſe Chairs, but I abſolutely refuſed to obey her, proteſting I would rather die a thouſand Deaths, than place a diſhonourable Part of my Body on thoſe precious Hairs that once adorned her Majeſty's Head. Of theſe Hairs (as I had always a mechanical Genius) I likewiſe made a neat little Purſe about five Feet long, with her Majeſty's Name decyphered in Gold Letters, which I gave to *Glumdalclitch*, by the Queen's Conſent. To ſay the Truth, it was more for Shew than Uſe, being not of Strength to bear the Weight of the larger Coins, and therefore ſhe kept nothing in it but ſome little Toys that Girls are fond of.

The King, who delighted in Muſick, had frequent Concerts at Court, to which

I was ſometimes carried, and ſet in my Box on a Table to hear them: But the Noiſe was ſo great, that I could hardly diſtinguiſh the Tunes. I am confident, that all the Drums and Trumpets of a Royal Army, beating and ſounding together juſt at your Ears, could not equal it. My Practice was to have my Box removed from the Places where the Performers ſat, as far as I could; then to ſhut the Doors and Windows of it, and draw the Window-curtains; after which I found their Muſick not diſagreeable.

I had learned in my Youth to play a little upon the Spinet. *Glumdalclitch* kept one in her Chamber, and a Maſter attended twice a Week to teach her: I call it a Spinet, becauſe it ſomewhat reſembled that Inſtrument, and was played upon in the ſame Manner. A Fancy came into my Head that I would entertain the King and Queen with an *Engliſh* Tune upon this Inſtrument. But this appeared extremely difficult: For the Spinet was near ſixty Feet long, each Key being almoſt a Foot wide, ſo that, with my Arms extended, I could not reach to above five Keys, and to preſs them down required a good ſmart Stroak

with my Fiſt, which would be too great a Labour, and to no Purpoſe. The Method I contrived was this: I prepared two round Sticks about the Bigneſs of common Cudgels; they were thicker at one End than the other, and I covered the thicker End with a Piece of a Mouſe's Skin, that, by rapping on them, I might neither damage the Tops of the Keys, nor interrupt the Sound. Before the Spinet a Bench was placed about four Feet below the Keys, and I was put upon the Bench. I ran ſideling upon it that Way and this, as faſt as I could, banging the proper Keys with my two Sticks, and made a Shift to play a Jigg, to the great Satisfaction of both their Majeſties: But it was the moſt violent Exerciſe I ever underwent, and yet I could not ſtrike above ſixteen Keys, nor conſequently play the Baſs and Treble together, as other Artiſts do; which was a great Diſadvantage to my Performance.

The King, who, as I before obſerved, was a Prince of excellent Underſtanding, would frequently order that I ſhould be brought in my Box, and ſet upon the Table in his Cloſet: He would then com-

mand me to bring one of my Chairs out of the Box, and ſit down within three Yards Diſtance upon the Top of the Cabinet, which brought me almoſt to a Level with his Face. In this Manner I had ſeveral Converſations with him. I one Day took the Freedom to tell his Majeſty, that the Contempt he diſcovered towards *Europe*, and the reſt of the World, did not ſeem anſwerable to thoſe excellent Qualities of Mind he was Maſter of. That Reaſon did not extend itſelf with the Bulk of the Body: On the Contrary, we obſerved in our Country, that the talleſt Perſons were uſually leaſt provided with it. That, among other Animals, Bees and Ants had the Reputation of more Induſtry, Art, and Sagacity, than many of the larger Kinds; and that, as inconſiderable as he took me to be, I hoped I might live to do his Majeſty ſome ſignal Service. The King heard me with Attention, and began to conceive a much better Opinion of me than he had ever before. He deſired I would give him as exact an Account of the Government of *England*, as I poſſibly could; becauſe, as fond as Princes commonly are of their own Cuſtoms (for ſo he

he conjectured of other Monarchs by my former Diſcourſes) he ſhould be glad to hear of any Thing that might deſerve Imitation.

Imagine with thyſelf, courteous Reader, how often I then wiſhed for the Tongue of *Demoſthenes* or *Cicero*, that might have enabled me to celebrate the Praiſe of my own dear native Country, in a Style equal to its Merits and Felicity.

I began my Diſcourſe, by informing his Majeſty, that our Dominions conſiſted of two Iſlands, which compoſed three mighty Kingdoms under one Sovereign, beſides our Plantations in *America*. I dwelt long upon the Fertility of our Soil, and the Temperature of our Climate. I then ſpoke at large upon the Conſtitution of an *Engliſh* Parliament, partly made up of an illuſtrious Body, called the Houſe of Peers, Perſons of the nobleſt Blood, and of the moſt antient and ample Patrimonies. I deſcribed that extraordinary Care always taken of their Education in Arts and Arms, to qualify them for being Counſellors both to the King and Kingdom; to have a Share in the Legiſlature; to be Members of the higheſt Court of Judicature, from

whence there could be no Appeal; and to be Champions always ready for the Defence of their Prince and Country, by their Valour, Conduct, and Fidelity. That these were the Ornament and Bulwark of the Kingdom, worthy Followers of their most renowned Ancestors, whose Honour had been the Reward of their Virtue, from which their Posterity were never once known to degenerate. To these were joined several holy Persons, as Part of that Assembly, under the Title of Bishops, whose peculiar Business it is to take Care of Religion, and of those who instruct the People therein. These were searched and sought out through the whole Nation, by the Prince and his wisest Counsellors, among such of the Priesthood as were most deservedly distinguished by the Sanctity of their Lives, and the Depth of their Erudition, who were, indeed, the spiritual Fathers of the Clergy and the People.

That the other Part of the Parliament consisted of an Assembly called the House of Commons, who were all principal Gentlemen, *freely* picked and culled out by the People themselves, for their great

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Abilities, and Love of their Country, to repreſent the Wiſdom of the whole Nation. And theſe two Bodies make up the moſt auguſt Aſſembly in *Europe*, to whom, in Conjunction with the Prince, the whole Legiſlature is committed.

I then deſcended to the Courts of Juſtice, over which the Judges, thoſe venerable Sages and Interpreters of the Law, preſided, for determining the diſputed Rights and Properties of Men, as well as for the Puniſhment of Vice, and Protection of Innocence. I mentioned the prudent Management of our Treaſury, the Valour and Atchievements of our Forces by Sea and Land. I computed the Number of our People, by reckoning how many Millions there might be of each religious Sect, or political Party among us. I did not omit even our Sports and Paſtimes, or any other Particular, which I thought might redound to the Honour of my Country. And I finiſhed all with a brief hiſtorical Account of Affairs and Events in *England*, for about an hundred Years paſt.

This Converſation was not ended under five Audiences, each of ſeveral Hours; and the King heard the Whole with great

Attention, frequently taking Notes of what I ſpoke, as well as Memorandums of what Queſtions he intended to aſk me.

When I had put an End to theſe long Diſcourſes, his Majeſty, in a ſixth Audience, conſulting his Notes, propoſed many Doubts, Queries, and Objections, upon every Article. He aſked what Methods were uſed to cultivate the Minds and Bodies of our young Nobility, and in what Kind of Buſineſs they commonly ſpent the firſt and teachable Part of their Lives. What Courſe was taken to ſupply that Aſſembly, when any noble Family became extinct. What Qualifications were neceſſary in thoſe who are to be created new Lords: Whether the Humour of the Prince, a Sum of Money to a Court Lady, or a Prime Miniſter, or a Deſign of ſtrengthening a Party oppoſite to the publick Intereſt, ever happened to be Motives in thoſe Advancements. What Share of Knowledge theſe Lords had in the Laws of their Country, and how they came by it, ſo as to enable them to decide the Properties of their Fellow-ſubjects in their laſt Reſort. Whether they were always ſo free

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from Avarice, Partialities, or Want, that a Bribe, or ſome other ſiniſter View, could have no Place among them. Whether thoſe holy Lords I ſpoke of, were always promoted to that Rank upon Account of their Knowledge in religious Matters, and the Sanctity of their Lives, had never been Compliers with the Times, while they were common Prieſts, or ſlaviſh proſtitute Chaplains to ſome Nobleman, whoſe Opinions they continued ſervilely to follow, after they were admitted into that Aſſembly.

He then deſired to know what Arts were practiſed in electing thoſe whom I called Commoners: Whether a Stranger, with a ſtrong Purſe, might not influence the vulgar Voters to chuſe him before their own Landlord, or the moſt conſiderable Gentleman in the Neighbourhood. How it came to paſs that People were ſo violently bent upon getting into this Aſſembly, which I allowed to be a great Trouble and Expence, often to the Ruin of their Families, without any Salary or Penſion: Becauſe that appeared ſuch an exalted Strain of Virtue and publick Spirit, that his Majeſty ſeemed to doubt it might poſſibly not be always ſincere: And

he desired to know whether such zealous Gentlemen could have any Views of refunding themselves for the Charges and Trouble they were at, by sacrificing the publick Good to the Designs of a weak and vicious Prince, in Conjunction with a corrupted Ministry. He multiplied his Questions, and sifted me thoroughly upon every Part of this Head, proposing numberless Enquiries and Objections, which I think it not prudent or convenient to repeat.

Upon what I said, in Relation to our Courts of Justice, his Majesty desired to be satisfied, in several Points: And this I was the better able to do, having been formerly almost ruined by a long Suit in Chancery, which was decreed for me with Costs. He asked, what Time was usually spent in determining between Right and Wrong, and what Degree of Expence. Whether Advocates and Orators had liberty to plead in Causes manifestly known to be unjust, vexatious, or oppressive. Whether Party in Religion or Politicks were observed to be of any Weight in the Scale of Justice. Whether those pleading Orators were Persons educated in the general Knowledge of

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Equity, or only in provincial, national, and other local Cuſtoms. Whether they or their Judges had any Part in penning thoſe Laws which they aſſumed the Liberty of interpreting and gloſſing upon at their Pleaſure. Whether they had ever at different Times pleaded for and againſt the ſame Cauſe, and cited Precedents to prove contrary Opinions. Whether they were a rich or a poor Corporation. Whether they received any pecuniary Reward for pleading or delivering their Opinions. And particularly, whether they were ever admitted as Members in the lower Senate.

He fell next upon the Management of our Treaſury, and ſaid, he thought my Memory had failed me, becauſe I computed our Taxes at about five or ſix Millions a Year, and, when I came to mention the Iſſues, he found they ſometimes amounted to more than double; for the Notes he had taken were very particular in this Point, becauſe he hoped, as he told me, that the Knowledge of our Conduct might be uſeful to him, and he could not be deceived in his Calculations: But, if what I told him were true, he was ſtill at a Loſs how a King-

dom could run out of its Eſtate like a private Perſon. He aſked me who were our Creditors; and where we ſhould find Money to pay them. He wondered to hear me talk of ſuch chargeable and expenſive Wars; that certainly we muſt be a quarrelſome People, or live among very bad Neighbours, and that our Generals muſt needs be richer than our Kings. He aſked what Buſineſs we had out of our own Iſlands, unleſs upon the Score of Trade or Treaty, or to defend the Coaſts with our Fleet. Above all, he was amazed to hear me talk of a mercenary ſtanding Army in the midſt of Peace, and among a free People. He ſaid, if we were governed by our own Conſent in the Perſons of our Repreſentatives, he could not imagine of whom we were afraid, or againſt whom we were to fight; and would hear my Opinion, whether a private Man's Houſe might not be better defended by himſelf, his Children, and Family, than by half a Dozen Raſcals, picked up at a Venture in the Streets, for ſmall Wages, who might get an hundred Times more by cutting their Throats.

He laughed at my odd Kind of Arithmetick

metick (as he was pleaſed to call it) in reckoning the Numbers of our People by a Computation drawn from the ſeveral Sects among us in Religion and Politicks. He ſaid, he knew no Reaſon, why thoſe who entertain Opinions prejudicial to the Publick, ſhould be obliged to change, or ſhould not be obliged to conceal them. And as it was Tyranny in any Government to require the firſt, ſo it was Weakneſs not to enforce the ſecond: For a Man may be allowed to keep Poiſons in his Cloſet, but not to vend them about for Cordials.

He obſerved, that, among the Diverſions of our Nobility and Gentry, I had mentioned Gaming. He deſired to know at what Age this Entertainment was uſually taken up, and when it was laid down; how much of their Time it employed; whether it ever went ſo high as to affect their Fortunes: Whether mean vicious People, by their Dexterity in that Art, might not arrive at great Riches, and ſometimes keep our very Nobles in Dependance, as well as habituate them to vile Companions, wholly take them from the Improvement of their Minds, and force them, by the Loſſes they have

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received, to learn and practiſe that infamous Dexterity upon others.

He was perfectly aſtoniſhed with the hiſtorical Account I gave him of our Affairs during the laſt Century, proteſting it was only a Heap of Conſpiracies, Rebellions, Murders, Maſſacres, Revolutions, Baniſhments, the very worſt Effects that Avarice, Faction, Hypocriſy, Perfidiouſneſs, Cruelty, Rage, Madneſs, Hatred, Envy, Luſt, Malice, or Ambition, could produce.

His Majeſty in another Audience was at the Pains to recapitulate the Sum of all I had ſpoken, compared the Queſtions he made with the Anſwers I had given; then taking me into his Hands, and ſtroaking me gently, delivered himſelf in theſe Words, which I ſhall never forget, nor the Manner he ſpoke them in: My little Friend *Grildrig*, you have made a moſt admirable Panegyrick upon your Country: You have clearly proved, that Ignorance, Idleneſs, and Vice, are the proper Ingredients for qualifying a Legiſlator: That Laws are beſt explained, interpreted, and applied by thoſe whoſe Intereſt and Abilities lie in perverting, confounding, and eluding them. I obſerve

ſerve among you ſome Lines of an Inſtitution, which, in its Original, might have been tolerable; but theſe half eraſed, and the reſt wholly blurred and blotted by Corruptions. It doth not appear from all you have ſaid, how any one Perfection is required towards the Procurement of any one Station among you; much leſs that Men are ennobled on Account of their Virtue, that Prieſts are advanced for their Piety or Learning, Soldiers for their Conduct or Valour, Judges for their Integrity, Senators for their Love of their Country, or Counſellors for their Wiſdom. As for yourſelf (continued the King) who have ſpent the greateſt Part of your Life in Travelling, I am well diſpoſed to hope you may hitherto have eſcaped many Vices of your Country. But by what I have gathered from your own Relation, and the Anſwers I have with much Pains wringed and extorted from you, I cannot but conclude the Bulk of your Natives to be the moſt pernicious Race of little odious Vermin that Nature ever ſuffered to crawl upon the Surface of the Earth.

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CHAP. VII.

The Author's Love of his Country. He makes a Proposal of much Advantage to the King, which is rejected. The King's great Ignorance in Politicks. The Learning of that Country very imperfect and confined. Their Laws, and military Affairs, and Parties in the State.

NOTHING but an extreme Love of Truth could have hindered me from concealing this Part of my Story. It was in vain to discover my Resentments, which were always turned into Ridicule; and I was forced to rest with Patience, while my noble and most beloved Country was so injuriously treated. I am heartily sorry, as any of my Readers can possibly be, that such an Occasion was given: But this Prince happened to be so curious and inquisitive upon every Particular, that it could not consist either with Gratitude or good Manners, to refuse giving him what Satisfaction I was able. Yet thus much I may be allowed

lowed to say in my own Vindication, That I artfully eluded many of his Questions, and gave to every Point a more favourable Turn, by many Degrees, than the Strictness of Truth would allow. For I have always borne that laudable Partiality to my own Country, which *Dionysius Halicarnassensis* with so much Justice recommends to an Historian: I would hide the Frailties and Deformities of my political Mother, and place her Virtues and Beauties in the most advantageous Light. This was my sincere Endeavour in those many Discourses I had with that Monarch, although it unfortunately failed of Success.

But great Allowances should be given to a King who lives wholly secluded from the rest of the World, and must therefore be altogether unacquainted with the Manners and Customs that most prevail in other Nations: The Want of which Knowledge will ever produce many *Prejudices*, and a certain *Narrowness of Thinking*, from which we and the politer Countries of *Europe* are wholly exempted. And it would be hard, indeed, if so remote a Prince's Notions of Virtue and

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Vice were to be offered as a Standard for all Mankind.

To confirm what I have now ſaid, and further, to ſhew the miſerable Effects of a *confined Education*, I ſhall here inſert a Paſſage which will hardly obtain Belief. In Hopes to ingratiate myſelf farther into his Majeſty's Favour, I told him of an Invention diſcovered between three and four hundred Years ago, to make a certain Powder, into an Heap of which the ſmalleſt Spark of Fire, falling, would kindle the Whole in a Moment, although it were as big as a Mountain, and make it all fly up in the Air together, with a Noiſe and Agitation greater than Thunder. That a proper Quantity of this Powder rammed into a hollow Tube of Braſs or Iron, according to its Bigneſs, would drive a Ball of Iron or Lead with ſuch Violence and Speed, as nothing was able to ſuſtain its Force. That the largeſt Balls, thus diſcharged, would not only deſtroy whole Ranks of an Army at once, but batter the ſtrongeſt Walls to the Ground, ſink down Ships, with a thouſand Men in each, to the Bottom of the Sea; and, when linked together by a Chain, would cut through

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Masts and Rigging, divide Hundreds of Bodies in the Middle, and lay all waste before them. That we often put this Powder into large hollow Balls of Iron, and discharged them by an Engine into some City we were besieging, which would rip up the Pavements, tear the Houses to Pieces, burst and throw Splinters on every Side, dashing out the Brains of all who came near. That I knew the Ingredients very well, which were cheap and common; I understood the Manner of compounding them, and could direct his Workmen how to make those Tubes of a Size proportionable to all other Things in his Majesty's Kingdom, and the largest need not be above an hundred Feet long; twenty or thirty of which Tubes, charged with the proper Quantity of Powder and Balls, would batter down the Walls of the strongest Town in his Dominions in few Hours, or destroy the whole Metropolis, if ever it should pretend to dispute his absolute Commands. This I humbly offered to his Majesty, as a small Tribute of Acknowledgment in Return of so many Marks that I had received of his Royal Favour and Protection.

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The King was ſtruck with Horror at the Deſcription I had given of thoſe terrible Engines, and the Propoſal I had made. He was amazed how ſo impotent and groveling an Inſect as I (theſe were his Expreſſions) could entertain ſuch inhuman Ideas, and in ſo familiar a Manner as to appear wholly unmoved at all the Scenes of Blood and Deſolation, which I had painted as the common Effects of thoſe deſtructive Machines, whereof, he ſaid, ſome evil Genius, Enemy to Mankind, muſt have been the firſt Contriver. As for himſelf, he proteſted, that, although few Things delighted him ſo much as new Diſcoveries in Art or in Nature, yet he would rather loſe half his Kingdom, than be privy to ſuch a Secret, which he commanded me, as I valued my Life, never to mention any more.

A ſtrange Effect of *narrow Principles* and *ſhort Views!* that a Prince poſſeſſed of every Quality which procures Veneration, Love, and Eſteem; of ſtrong Parts, great Wiſdom, and profound Learning, endued with admirable Talents for Government, and almoſt adored by his Subjects; ſhould, from a *nice unneceſſary*

ceſſary Scruple, whereof in *Europe* we can have no Conception, let ſlip an Opportunity put into his Hands, that would have made him abſolute Maſter of the Lives, the Liberties, and the Fortunes of his People. Neither do I ſay this with the leaſt Intention to detract from the many Virtues of that excellent King, whoſe Character, I am ſenſible, will, on this Account, be very much leſſened, in the Opinion of an *Engliſh* Reader: But I take this Defect among them to have riſen from their Ignorance, by not having hitherto reduced Politicks into a Science, as the more acute Wits of *Europe* have done. For I remember very well, in a Diſcourſe one Day with the King, when I happened to ſay there were ſeveral thouſand Books among us written upon the *Art of Government*, it gave him (directly contrary to my Intention) a very mean Opinion of our Underſtandings. He profeſſed both to abominate and deſpiſe all *Myſtery*, *Refinement*, and *Intrigue*, either in a Prince or a Miniſter. He could not tell what I meant by *Secrets of State*, where an Enemy, or ſome Rival Nation, were not in the Caſe. He confined the Knowledge of Governing within

within very *narrow Bounds*, to common Senſe and Reaſon, to Juſtice and Lenity, to the ſpeedy Determination of civil and criminal Cauſes; with ſome other obvious Topicks, which are not worth conſidering. And he gave it for his Opinion, that whoever could make two Ears of Corn, or two Blades of Graſs, to grow upon a Spot of Ground where only one grew before, would deſerve better of Mankind, and do more eſſential Service to his Country, than the whole Race of Politicians put together.

The Learning of this People is very defective, conſiſting only in Morality, Hiſtory, Poetry, and Mathematicks, wherein they muſt be allowed to excel. But the laſt of theſe is wholly applied to what may be uſeful in Life, to the Improvement of Agriculture, and all mechanical Arts; ſo that among us it would be little eſteemed. And as to Ideas, Entities, Abſtractions, and Tranſcendentals, I could never drive the leaſt Conception into their Heads.

No Law of that Country muſt exceed in Words the Number of Letters in their Alphabet, which conſiſts only in two and twenty. But, indeed, few of them extend

extend even to that Length. They are expreſſed in the moſt plain and ſimple Terms, wherein thoſe People are not mercurial enough to diſcover above one Interpretation: And to write a Comment upon any Law is a capital Crime. As to the Deciſion of civil Cauſes or Proceedings againſt Criminals, either Precedents are ſo few, that they have little Reaſon to boaſt of any extraordinary Skill in them.

They have had the Art of Printing, as well as the *Chineſe*, Time out of Mind. But their Libraries are not very large; for that of the King's, which is reckoned the biggeſt, doth not amount to above a thouſand Volumes, placed in a Gallery of twelve hundred Feet long, from whence I had Liberty to borrow what Books I pleaſed. The Queen's Joiner had contrived, in one of *Glumdalclitch*'s Rooms, a Kind of wooden Machine, five and twenty Feet high, formed like a ſtanding Ladder, the Steps were each fifty Feet long: It was, indeed, a moveable Pair of Stairs, the loweſt End placed at ten Feet Diſtance from the Wall of the Chamber. The Book I had a Mind to read, was put up leaning againſt the Wall:

Wall: I first mounted to the upper Step of the Ladder, and turning my Face towards the Book, began at the Top of the Page, and so walking to the right and left, about eight or ten Paces, according to the Length of the Lines, till I had gotten a little below the Level of mine Eyes, and then descending gradually till I came to the Bottom: After which I mounted again, and began the other Page in the same Manner, and so turned over the Leaf, which I could easily do with both my Hands, for it was as thick and stiff as a Paste-board, and, in the largest Folio's, not above eighteen or twenty Feet long.

Their Style is clear, masculine, and smooth, but not florid; for they avoid nothing more than multiplying unnecessary Words, or using various Expressions. I have perused many of their Books, especially those in History and Morality. Among the rest, I was much diverted with a little old Treatise, which always lay in *Glumdalclitch*'s Bed-chamber, and belonged to her Governess, a grave elderly Gentlewoman, who dealt in Writings of Morality and Devotion. The Book treats of the Weakness of human Kind, and is in little Esteem, except a-

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mong the Women and the Vulgar. However, I was curious to ſee what an Author of that Country could ſay upon ſuch a Subject. This Writer went through all the uſual Topicks of *European* Moraliſts, ſhewing how diminutive, contemptible, and helpleſs an Animal was Man in his own Nature; how unable to defend himſelf from Inclemencies of the Air, or the Fury of wild Beaſts: How much he was excelled by one Creature in Strength, by another in Speed, by a third in Foreſight, by a fourth in Induſtry. He added, that Nature was degenerated in theſe latter declining Ages of the World, and could now produce only ſmall abortive Births, in Compariſon of thoſe in antient Times. He ſaid, it was very reaſonable to think, not only that the Species of Men were originally much larger, but alſo, that there muſt have been Giants in former Ages, which, as it is aſſerted by Hiſtory and Tradition, ſo it hath been confirmed by huge Bones and Skulls caſually dug up in ſeveral Parts of the Kingdom, far exceeding the common dwindling Race of Man in our Days. He argued, that the very Laws of Nature abſolutely required we ſhould have

been made in the Beginning, of a Size more large and robuſt, not ſo liable to Deſtruction from every little Accident of a Tile falling from an Houſe, or a Stone caſt from the Hand of a Boy, or being drowned in a little Brook. From this Way of Reaſoning, the Author drew ſeveral moral Applications uſeful in the Conduct of Life, but needleſs here to repeat. For my Part, I could not avoid reflecting how univerſally this Talent was ſpread, of drawing Lectures in Morality, or, indeed, rather Matter of Diſcontent and Repining, from the Quarrels we raiſe with Nature. And, I believe upon a ſtrict Enquiry, thoſe Quarrels might be ſhewn as ill-grounded among us, as they are among that People *.

As to their Military Affairs, they boaſt that the King's Army conſiſts of an hundred and ſeventy-ſix thouſand Foot, and thirty-two thouſand Horſe: If that may be called an Army which is

* The Author's Zeal to juſtify Providence has before been remarked; and theſe Quarrels with Nature, or in other Words with God, could not have been more forcibly reproved than by ſhewing, that the Complaints upon which they are founded would be equally ſpecious among Beings of ſuch aſtoniſhing Superiority of Stature and Strength.

made up of Tradeſmen in the ſeveral Cities, and Farmers in the Country, whoſe Commanders are only the Nobility and Gentry, without Pay or Reward. They are, indeed, perfect enough in their Exerciſes, and under very good Diſcipline, wherein I ſaw no great Merit; for how ſhould it be otherwiſe, where every Farmer is under the Command of his own Landlord, and every Citizen under that of the principal Men in his own City, choſen after the Manner of *Venice* by *Ballot*?

I have often ſeen the Militia of *Lorbrulgrud* drawn out to Exerciſe in a great Field near the City, of twenty Miles ſquare. They were, in all, not above twenty-five thouſand Foot and ſix thouſand Horſe; but it was impoſſible for me to compute their Number, conſidering the Space of Ground they took up. A Cavalier, mounted on a large Steed, might be about ninety Feet high. I have ſeen this whole Body of Horſe, upon a Word of Command, draw their Swords at once, and brandiſh them in the Air. Imagination can figure nothing ſo grand, ſo ſurpriſing, and ſo aſtoniſhing. It looked as if ten thouſand Flaſhes of

Lightning were darting at the ſame Time from every Quarter of the Sky.

I was curious to know how this Prince, to whoſe Dominions there is no Acceſs from any other Country, came to think of Armies, or to teach his People the Practice of military Diſcipline. But I was ſoon informed, both by Converſation, and reading their Hiſtories: For, in the Courſe of many Ages, they have been troubled with the ſame Diſeaſe to which the whole Race of Mankind is ſubject; the Nobility often contending for Power, the People for Liberty, and the King for abſolute Dominion. All which, however, happily tempered by the Laws of that Kingdom, have been ſometimes violated by each of the three Parties, and have once, or more, occaſioned Civil Wars, the laſt whereof was happily put an End to by this Prince's Grandfather in a general Compoſition; and the Militia, then ſettled with common Conſent, hath been ever ſince kept in the ſtricteſt Duty.

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CHAP. VIII.

The King and Queen make a Progreſs to the Frontiers. The Author attends them. The Manner in which he leaves the Country very particularly related. He returns to England.

I Had always a ſtrong Impulſe, that I ſhould ſome Time recover my Liberty, though it was impoſſible to conjecture by what Means, or to form any Project with the leaſt Hope of ſucceeding. The Ship in which I ſailed was the firſt ever known to be driven within Sight of that Coaſt, and the King had given ſtrict Orders, that, if at any Time another appeared, it ſhould be taken aſhore, and, with all its Crew and Paſſengers, brought in a Tumbril to *Lorbrulgrud*. He was ſtrongly bent to get me a Woman of my own Size, by whom I might propagate the Breed: But, I think, I ſhould rather have died, than undergone the Diſgrace of leaving a Poſterity to be kept in Cages like tame Canary Birds, and perhaps, in Time, ſold about the Kingdom to

Perſons of Quality for Curioſities. I was, indeed, treated with much Kindneſs: I was the Favourite of a great King and Queen, and the Delight of the whole Court; but it was upon ſuch a Foot, as ill became the Dignity of human Kind. I could never forget thoſe domeſtic Pledges I had left behind me. I wanted to be among People with whom I could converſe upon even Terms, and walk about the Streets and Fields, without being afraid of being trod to Death, like a Frog, or a young Puppy. But my Deliverance came ſooner than I expected, and in a Manner not very common: The whole Story and Circumſtances of which I ſhall faithfully relate.

I had now been two Years in this Country; and, about the Beginning of the third, *Glumdalclitch* and I attended the King and Queen in a Progreſs to the *South* Coaſt of the Kingdom. I was carried, as uſual, in my Travelling-Box, which, as I have already deſcribed, was a very convenient Cloſet of twelve Feet wide. And I had ordered a Hammock to be fixed, by ſilken Ropes, from the four Corners at the Top, to break the Jolts, when a Servant carried me before

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him on Horſeback, as I ſometimes deſired, and would often ſleep in my Hammock while we were upon the Road. On the Roof of my Cloſet, not directly over the Middle of the Hammock, I ordered the Joiner to cut out a Hole of a Foot ſquare, to give me Air in hot Weather, as I ſlept; which Hole I ſhut at Pleaſure, with a Board that drew backwards and forwards through a Groove.

When we came to our Journey's End, the King thought proper to paſs a few Days at a Palace he hath near *Flanflaſnic*, a City within eighteen *Engliſh* Miles of the Sea-ſide. *Glumdalclitch* and I were much fatigued: I had gotten a ſmall Cold, but the poor Girl was ſo ill, as to be confined to her Chamber. I longed to ſee the Ocean, which muſt be the only Scene of my Eſcape, if ever it ſhould happen. I pretended to be worſe than I really was, and deſired Leave to take the freſh Air of the Sea, with a Page I was very fond of, and who had ſometimes been truſted with me. I ſhall never forget with what Unwillingneſs *Glumdalclitch* conſented, nor the ſtrict Charge ſhe gave the Page to be careful of me, burſting at the ſame Time into a Flood of Tears, as if ſhe

had ſome Foreboding of what was to happen. The Boy took me out in my Box about half an Hour's Walk from the Palace towards the Rocks on the Sea-ſhore. I ordered him to ſet me down, and, lifting up one of my Saſhes, caſt many a wiſhful melancholy Look towards the Sea. I found myſelf not very well, and told the Page that I had a Mind to take a Nap in my Hammock, which I hoped would do me Good. I got in, and the Boy ſhut the Window cloſe down to keep out the Cold. I ſoon fell aſleep, and all I can conjecture is, that, while I ſlept, the Page, thinking no Danger could happen, went among the Rocks to look for Birds Eggs, having before obſerved him from my Window ſearching about, and picking up one or two in the Clefts. Be that as it will, I found myſelf ſuddenly awaked with a violent Pull upon the Ring which was faſtened at the Top of my Box, for the Conveniency of Carriage. I felt my Box raiſed very high in the Air, and then borne forward with prodigious Speed. The firſt Jolt had like to have ſhaken me out of my Hammock, but afterwards the Motion was eaſy enough. I called out ſeveral

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Times, as loud as I could raiſe my Voice, but all to no Purpoſe. I looked towards my Windows, and could ſee nothing but the Clouds and Sky. I heard a Noiſe over my Head like the Clapping of Wings, and then began to perceive the woful Condition I was in, that ſome Eagle had got the Ring of my Box in his Beak, with an Intent to let it fall on a Rock like a Tortoiſe in a Shell, and then pick out my Body, and devour it. For the Sagacity and Smell of this Bird enabled him to diſcover his Quarry at a great Diſtance, though better concealed than I could be within a two-inch Board.

In a little Time I obſerved the Noiſe and Flutter of Wings to increaſe very faſt, and my Box was toſſed up and down like a Sign-poſt in a windy Day. I heard ſeveral Bangs or Buffets, as I thought, given to the Eagle (for ſuch I am certain it muſt have been that held the Ring of my Box in his Beak) and then all on a ſudden felt myſelf falling perpendicularly down for above a Minute, but with ſuch incredible Swiftneſs that I almoſt loſt my Breath. My Fall was ſtopped by a terrible Squaſh, that ſounded louder to my

Ears than the Cataract of *Niagara* *; after which I was quite in the Dark for another Minute, and then my Box began to rise so high that I could see Light from the Tops of the Windows. I now perceived that I was fallen into the Sea. My Box, by the Weight of my Body, the Goods that were in, and the broad Plates of Iron fixed for Strength at the four Corners of the Top and Bottom, floated above five Feet deep in Water. I did then, and do now suppose that the Eagle which flew away with my Box, was pursued by two or three others, and forced to let me drop while he was defending himself against the rest, who hoped to share in the Prey. The Plates of Iron fastened at the Bottom of the Box (for those were the strongest) preserved the Balance while it fell, and hindered it from being broken on the Surface of the Water. Every Joint of it was well grooved; and the Door did

* *Niagara* is a Settlement of the *French* in *North America*, and the Cataract is produced by the Fall of a Conflux of Water (formed of the four vast Lakes of *Canada*) from a rocky Precipice, the perpendicular Height of which is one hundred and thirty-seven Feet; and it is said to have been heard fifteen Leagues.

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not move on Hinges, but up and down like a Saſh, which kept my Cloſet ſo tight that very little Water came in. I got with much Difficulty out of my Hammock, having firſt ventured to draw back the Slip-board on the Roof already mentioned, contrived on Purpoſe to let in Air, for Want of which I found myſelf almoſt ſtifled.

How often did I then wiſh myſelf with my dear *Glumda'clitch*, from whom one ſingle Hour had ſo far divided me! And I may ſay, with Truth, that in the Midſt of my own Misfortunes I could not forbear lamenting my poor Nurſe, the Grief ſhe would ſuffer for my Loſs, the Diſpleaſure of the Queen, and the Ruin of her Fortune. Perhaps many Travellers have not been under greater Difficulties and Diſtreſs than I was at this Juncture, expecting every Moment to ſee my Box daſhed in Pieces, or at leaſt overſet by the firſt violent Blaſt, or a riſing Wave. A Breach in one ſingle Pain of Glaſs would have been immediate Death: Nor could any Thing have preſerved the Windows but the ſtrong Lattice-wires placed on the Outſide againſt Accidents in Travelling. I ſaw the Water ooze in

at ſeveral Crannies, although the Leaks were not conſiderable, and I endeavoured to ſtop them as well as I could. I was not able to lift up the Roof of my Cloſet, which otherwiſe I certainly ſhould have done, and ſat on the Top of it, where I might, at leaſt, preſerve myſelf ſome Hours longer than by being ſhut up, as I may call it, in the Hold. Or, if I eſcaped theſe Dangers for a Day or two, what could I expect but a miſerable Death of Cold and Hunger! I was four Hours under theſe Circumſtances, expecting, and indeed, wiſhing every Moment to be my laſt.

I have already told the Reader, that there were two ſtrong Staples fixed upon that Side of my Box which had no Window, and into which the Servant who uſed to carry me on Horſeback would put a leathern Belt, and buckle it about his Waiſt. Being in this diſconſolate State, I heard or at leaſt thought I heard ſome Kind of grating Noiſe on that Side of my Box where the Staples were fixed, and ſoon after I began to fancy that the Box was pulled or towed along in the Sea; for I now and then felt a Sort of Tugging, which made the Waves riſe

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near the Tops of my Windows, leaving me almoſt in the Dark. This gave me ſome faint Hopes of Relief; although I was not able to imagine how it could be brought about. I ventured to unſcrew one of my Chairs, which were always faſtened to the Floor; and, having made a hard Shift to ſcrew it down again directly under the Slipping-board that I had lately opened, I mounted on the Chair, and, putting my Mouth as near as I could to the Hole, I called for Help in a loud Voice, and in all the Languages I underſtood. I then faſtened my Handkerchief to a Stick I uſually carried, and, thruſting it up the Hole, waved it ſeveral Times in the Air, that, if any Boat or Ship were near, the Seamen might conjecture ſome unhappy Mortal to be ſhut up in the Box.

I found no Effect from all I could do, but plainly perceived my Cloſet to be moved along; and in the Space of an Hour, or better, that Side of the Box where the Staples were, and had no Window, ſtruck againſt ſomething that was hard. I apprehended it to be a Rock, and found myſelf toſſed more than ever. I plainly heard a Noiſe upon the Cover

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of my Cloſet, like that of a Cable, and the Grating of it as it paſſed through the Ring. I then found myſelf hoiſted up by Degrees, at leaſt three Feet higher than I was before: Whereupon I again thruſt up my Stick and Handkerchief, calling for Help till I was almoſt hoarſe. In Return to which, I heard a great Shout repeated three Times, giving me ſuch Tranſports of Joy, as are not to be conceived but by thoſe who feel them. I now heard a Trampling over my Head, and ſomebody calling through the Hole, with a loud Voice in the *Engliſh* Tongue, If there be any Body below, let them ſpeak. I anſwered, I was an *Engliſhman*, drawn by ill Fortune into the greateſt Calamity that ever any Creature underwent, and begged, by all that was moving, to be delivered out of the Dungeon I was in. The Voice replied, I was ſafe, for my Box was faſtened to their Ship; and the Carpenter ſhould immediately come and ſaw a Hole in the Cover large enough to pull me out. I anſwered, that was needleſs, and would take up too much Time, for there was no more to be done, but let one of the Crew put his Finger into the Ring, and take the Box

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out of the Sea into the Ship, and ſo into the Captain's Cabbin *. Some of them, upon hearing me talk ſo wildly, thought I was mad; others laughed; for, indeed, it never came into my Head, that I was now got among People of my own Stature and Strength. The Carpenter came, and in a few Minutes ſawed a Paſſage about four Feet ſquare, then let down a ſmall Ladder, upon which I mounted, and from thence was taken into the Ship in a very weak Condition.

The Sailors were all in Amazement, and aſked me a thouſand Queſtions, which I had no Inclination to anſwer. I was equally confounded at the Sight of ſo many Pigmies, for ſuch I took them to be, after having ſo long accuſtomed mine Eyes to the monſtrous Objects I had left. But the Captain, Mr. *Thomas*

* There are ſeveral little Incidents which ſhew the Author to have had a deep Knowledge of human Nature; and I think this is one. Although the principal Advantages enumerated by *Gulliver* in the Beginning of this Chapter, of mingling again among his Countrymen, depended on their being of the ſame Size with himſelf, yet this is forgotten in his Ardour to be delivered: And he is afterwards betrayed into the ſame Abſurdity, by his Zeal to preſerve his Furniture.

Wilcocks, an honeſt worthy *Shropſhire* Man, obſerving I was ready to faint, took me into his Cabbin, gave me a Cordial to comfort me, and made me to *turn in* upon his own Bed, adviſing me to take a little Reſt, of which I had great Need. Before I went to ſleep, I gave him to underſtand that I had valuable Furniture, in my Box, too good to be loſt; a fine Hammock, an handſome Field-bed, two Chairs, a Table, and a Cabinet. That my Cloſet was hung on all Sides, or rather quilted, with Silk and Cotton: That, if he would let one of the Crew bring my Cloſet into his Cabbin, I would open it there before him, and ſhew him my Goods. The Captain, hearing me utter theſe Abſurdities, concluded I was raving: However (I ſuppoſe to pacify me) he promiſed to give Order, as I deſired, and, going upon Deck, ſent ſome of his Men down into my Cloſet, from whence (as I afterwards found) they drew up all my Goods, and ſtripped off the Quilting; but the Chairs, Cabinet, and Bedſtead, being ſcrewed to the Floor, were much damaged by the Ignorance of the Seamen, who tore them up by Force. Then

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they knocked off ſome of the Boards for the Uſe of the Ship, and, when they had got all they had a Mind for, let the Hulk drop into the Sea, which, by Reaſon of many Breaches made in the Bottom and Sides, ſunk to Rights. And, indeed, I was glad not to have been a Spectator of the Havock they made; becauſe I am confident it would have ſenſibly touched me, by bringing former Paſſages into my Mind, which I had rather forget.

I ſlept ſome Hours, but perpetually diſturbed with Dreams of the Place I had left, and the Dangers I had eſcaped. However, upon waking, I found myſelf much recovered. It was now about eight o'Clock at Night, and the Captain ordered Supper immediately, thinking I had already faſted too long. He entertained me with great Kindneſs, obſerving me not to look wildly or talk inconſiſtently; and, when we were left alone, deſired I would give him a Relation of my Travels, and by what Accident I came to be ſet adrift in that monſtrous wooden Cheſt. He ſaid, that about twelve o'Clock at Noon, as he was looking through his Glaſs, he ſpied it at a Diſtance, and thought it was

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a Sail, which he had a Mind to make, being not much out of his Courſe, in Hopes of buying ſome Biſket, his own beginning to fall ſhort. That upon coming nearer, and finding his Error, he ſent out his Long-boat to diſcover what I was; that his Men came back in a Fright, ſwearing they had ſeen a ſwimming Houſe. That he laughed at their Folly, and went himſelf in the Boat, ordering his Men to take a ſtrong Cable along with them. That, the Weather being calm, he rowed round me ſeveral Times, obſerved my Windows, and the Wire-lattices that defended them. That he diſcovered two Staples upon one Side, which was all of Boards, without any Paſſage for Light. He then commanded his Men to row up to that Side, and, faſtening a Cable to one of the Staples, ordered them to tow my Cheſt, (as they called it) towards the Ship. When it was there, he gave Directions to faſten another Cable to the Ring fixed in the Cover, and to raiſe up my Cheſt with Pullies, which all the Sailors were not able to do above two or three Feet. He ſaid, they ſaw my Stick and Handkerchief thruſt out of the Hole, and concluded

cluded that ſome unhappy Man muſt be ſhut up in the Cavity. I aſked, Whether he or his Crew had ſeen any prodigious Bird in the Air about the Time he firſt diſcovered me? To which he anſwered, That, diſcourſing this Matter with the Sailors while I was aſleep, one of them ſaid, he had *obſerved* three Eagles flying towards the *North*, but remarked nothing of their being larger than the uſual Size, which I ſuppoſe muſt be imputed to the great Height they were at; and he could not gueſs the Reaſon of my Queſtion. I then aſked the Captain, How far he reckoned we might be from Land! He ſaid, by the beſt Computation he could make, we were at leaſt an hundred Leagues. I aſſured him, that he muſt be miſtaken by almoſt half, for I had not left the Country from whence I came above two Hours before I dropt into the Sea. Whereupon, he began again to think that my Brain was diſturbed, of which he gave me a Hint, and adviſed me to go to Bed in a Cabbin he had provided. I aſſured him I was well refreſhed with his good Entertainment and Company, and as much in my Senſes as ever I was in my Life. He

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then grew ſerious, and deſired to aſk me freely whether I were not troubled in Mind by the Conſciouſneſs of ſome enormous Crime, for which I was puniſhed at the Command of ſome Prince, by expoſing me in that Cheſt, as great Criminals, in other Countries, have been forced to Sea in a leaky Veſſel without Proviſions: For, although he ſhould be ſorry to have taken ſo ill a Man into his Ship, yet he would engage his Word to ſet me ſafe a-ſhore in the firſt Port where we arrived. He added, that his Suſpicions were much increaſed, by ſome very abſurd Speeches I had delivered at firſt to the Sailors, and afterwards to himſelf, in relation to my Cloſet or Cheſt, as well as by my odd Looks and Behaviour while I was at Supper.

I begged his Patience to hear me tell my Story, which I faithfully did, from the laſt Time I left *England*, to the Moment he firſt diſcovered me. And, as Truth always forceth its Way into rational Minds, ſo this honeſt worthy Gentleman, who had ſome Tincture of Learning and very good Senſe, was immediately convinced of my Candour and Veracity. But, farther to confirm all I had

had ſaid, I entreated him to give Order that my Cabinet ſhould be brought, of which I had the Key in my Pocket, (for he had already informed me how the Seamen diſpoſed of my Cloſet.) I opened it in his own Preſence, and ſhewed him the ſmall Collection of Rarities I made in the Country from whence I had been ſo ſtrangely delivered. There was the Comb I had contrived out of the Stumps of the King's Beard, and another of the ſame Materials, but fixed into a Paring of her Majeſty's Thumb-nail, which ſerved for the Back. There was a Collection of Needles and Pins from a Foot to half a Yard long; four Waſp-ſtings, like Joiners Tacks; ſome Combings of the Queen's Hair; a gold Ring which one Day ſhe made me a Preſent of in a moſt obliging Manner, taking it from her little Finger, and throwing it over my Head like a Collar. I deſired the Captain would pleaſe to accept this Ring in Return of his Civilities; which he abſolutely refuſed. I ſhewed him a Corn that I had cut off with my own Hand, from a Maid of Honour's Toe; it was about the Bigneſs of a *Kentiſh* Pippin, and grown ſo hard, that, when

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I returned to *England*, I got it hollowed into a Cup, and ſet in Silver. Laſtly, I deſired him to ſee the Breeches I had then on, which were made of a Mouſe's Skin.

I could force nothing on him but a Footman's Tooth, which I obſerved him to examine with great Curioſity, and found he had a Fancy for it. He received it with Abundance of Thanks, more than ſuch a Triflle could deſerve. It was drawn by an unſkilful Surgeon, in a Miſtake, from one of *Glumdalclitch*'s Men, who was afflicted with the Tooth-ach, but it was as ſound as any in his Head. I got it cleaned, and put it into my Cabinet. It was about a Foot long, and four Inches in Diameter.

The Captain was very well ſatisfied with this plain Relation I had given him, and ſaid, he hoped, when we returned to *England*, I would oblige the World, by putting it in Paper and making it publick. My Anſwer was, that I thought we were already over-ſtocked with Books of Travels: That nothing could now paſs which was not extraordinary; wherein I doubted ſome Authors leſs conſulted Truth than their own Vanity, or Intereſt,

reſt, or the Diverſion of ignorant Readers. That my Story could contain little beſides common Events, without thoſe ornamental Deſcriptions of ſtrange Plants, Trees, Birds, and other Animals; or of the barbarous Cuſtoms and Idolatry of ſavage People, with which moſt Writers abound. However, I thanked him for his good Opinion, and promiſed to take the Matter into my Thoughts.

He ſaid, he wondered at one Thing very much, which was, to hear me ſpeak ſo loud, aſking me whether the King or Queen of that Country were thick of Hearing. I told him, it was what I had been uſed to for above two Years paſt; and that I admired as much at the Voices of him and his Men, who ſeemed to me only to whiſper, and yet I could hear them well enough. But, when I ſpoke in that Country, it was like a Man talking in the Street to another looking out from the Top of a Steeple, unleſs when I was placed on a Table, or held in any Perſon's Hand. I told him, I had likewiſe obſerved another Thing, that when I firſt got into the Ship, and the Sailors ſtood all about me, I thought they were the

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moſt little contemptible Creatures I had ever beheld. For, indeed, while I was in that Prince's Country, I could never endure to look in a Glaſs, after mine Eyes had been accuſtomed to ſuch prodigious Objects, becauſe the Compariſion gave me ſo deſpicable a Conceit of myſelf. The Captain ſaid, that, while we were at Supper, he obſerved me to look at every Thing with a Sort of Wonder, and that I often ſeemed hardly able to contain my Laughter, which he knew not well how to take, but imputed it to ſome Diſorder in my Brain. I anſwered, it was very true; and I wondered how I could forbear, when I ſaw his Diſhes of the Size of a ſilver Three-pence, a Leg of Pork hardly a Mouthful, a Cup not ſo big as a Nut-ſhell; and ſo I went on, deſcribing the reſt of his Houſhold-ſtuff and Proviſions, after the ſame Manner. For, although the Queen had ordered a little Equipage of all Things neceſſary while I was in her Service, yet my Ideas were wholly taken up with what I ſaw on every Side of me, and I winked at my own Littleneſs, as People do at their own Faults. The Captain underſtood my Raillery very well, and merrily replied

plied with the old *Engliſh* Proverb, that he doubted mine eyes were bigger than my Belly, for he did not obſerve my Stomach ſo good, although I had faſted all Day; and, continuing in his Mirth, proteſted he would have gladly given an hundred Pounds to have ſeen my Cloſet in the Eagle's Bill, and afterwards in its Fall from ſo great a Height into the Sea; which would certainly have been a moſt aſtoniſhing Object, worthy to have the Deſcription of it tranſmitted to future Ages: And the Compariſon of *Phaeton* was ſo obvious, that he could not forbear applying it, although I did not much admire the Conceit.

The Captain having been at *Tonquin*, was, in his Return to *England*, driven North-eaſtward, to the Latitude of 44 Degrees, and of Longitude 143. But, meeting a Trade-wind two Days after I came on Board him, we ſailed Southward a long Time, and Coaſting *New Holland*, kept our Coaſt Weſt-ſouth-weſt, and then South-ſouth-weſt, till we doubled the *Cape of Good Hope*. Our Voyage was very proſperous, but I ſhall not trouble the Reader with a Journal of it. The

Captain called in at one or two Ports, and ſent in his Long-boat for Proviſions and freſh Water, but I never went out of the Ship till we came into the *Downs*, which was on the third Day of *June*, 1706, about nine Months after my Eſcape. I offered to leave my Goods in Security for Payment of my Freight; but the Captain proteſted he would not receive one Farthing. We took kind Leave of each other, and I made him promiſe he would come to ſee me at my Houſe in *Redriff*. I hired a Horſe and Guide for five Shillings, which I borrowed of the Captain.

As I was on the Road, obſerving the Littleneſs of the Houſes, the Trees, the Cattle, and the People, I began to think myſelf in *Lilliput*. I was afraid of trampling on every Traveller I met, and often called aloud to have them ſtand out of the Way, ſo that I had like to have gotten one or two broken Heads for my Impertinence.

When I came to my own Houſe, for which I was forced to enquire, one of the Servants opening the Door, I bent down to go in (like a Gooſe under a Gate)

for fear of ſtriking my Head. My Wife ran out to embrace me, but I ſtooped lower than her Knees, thinking ſhe could otherwiſe never be able to reach my Mouth. My Daughter kneeled to aſk me Bleſſing, but I could not ſee her till ſhe aroſe, having been ſo long uſed to ſtand with my Head and Eyes erect, to above ſixty Feet; and then I went to take her up with one Hand, by the Waiſt. I looked down upon the Servants, and one or two Friends who were in the Houſe, as if they had been Pigmies, and I a Giant. I told my Wife ſhe had been too thrifty, for I found ſhe had ſtarved herſelf and her Daughter to nothing. In ſhort I behaved myſelf ſo unaccountable, that they were all of the Captain's Opinion when he firſt ſaw me, and concluded I had loſt my Wits. This I mention as an Inſtance of the great Power of Habit and Prejudice.

In a little Time, I and my Family and Friends came to a right Underſtanding: But my Wife proteſted I ſhould never go to Sea any more; although my evil Deſtiny ſo ordered, that ſhe had not Power to hinder me, as the Reader may

know hereafter. In the mean Time, I here conclude the ſecond Part of my unfortunate Voyages*.

* From the whole of theſe two Voyages to *Lilliput* and *Brobdingnag* ariſes one general Remark, which, however obvious, has been overlooked by thoſe who conſider them as little more than the Sport of a wanton Imagination. When human Actions are aſcribed to Pigmies and Giants, there are few that do not excite either Contempt, Diſguſt, or Horror; to aſcribe them therefore to ſuch Beings was perhaps the moſt probable Method of engaging the Mind to examine them with Attention, and judge of them with Impartiality, by ſuſpending the Faſcination of Habit, and exhibiting familiar Objects in a new Light. The Uſe of the Fable then is not leſs apparent than important and extenſive; and that this Uſe was intended by the Author can be doubted only by thoſe who are diſpoſed to affirm, that Order and Regularity are the Effects of chance.

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